

ALTERNATIVE TO OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION

- WHEREAS, Schools can have a positive influence on students, and suspension from school can have a serious or negative effect on both the academic and social development of the student; and
- WHEREAS, Some schools employ a suspension policy that serves to punish the child or youth without addressing the cause of his misbehavior; and
- WHEREAS, Children and youth need to be guided and counseled because of their problems and not just punished; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, urge their school boards to require attendance by the suspended student in an alternative program to out of school suspension; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, urge local school board to coordinate programs that would provide counseling for in-school suspended students and their parents.