

## SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION ALTERNATIVES

- WHEREAS, Colorado public schools have traditionally used suspension and, less frequently, expulsion as a discipline method in difficult cases; and
- WHEREAS, Such action has limited long-term value except in some cases involving criminal acts; and
- WHEREAS, Such action contributes to "withdrawals by mutual consent" and greater dropout rates; and
- WHEREAS, Youth who dropout from school are often unemployed and sometimes commit crimes and become incarcerated; and
- WHEREAS, Preventative alternative programs are much less expensive than incarceration; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That Colorado PTSA encourage school districts to develop in-schol alternatives to suspension and expulsion and in-service education for teachers in classroom management, discipline, cultural awareness, and human relations; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Colorado Department of Education should be urged to require school districts to report suspensions and expulsions on a yearly basis.

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Retire 1986 - Action accomplished