

IDEA 19 Why wait until students become disruptive? Give under-served Black male students real alternative programs by following Recommendation # 47 of the Indiana Commission on Disproportionality

It is suggested that *OpportunINDY* review Recommendation #47, a policy idea that will introduce an option where under-served students, who are normally sent to Indiana's punitive programs, may volunteer to attend an alternative setting. These alternatives will be based on national-class best practices of alternative public schools of choice which are characterized by unencumbered educational restraint and freedom of innovation similar to charter schools.

These options can be: initiated by individual teachers, parents, and/or students; a school-within-a-school; housed off-campus; or, any number of innovations beyond "second chance" or "last chance" options that would evolve if districts were challenged and provided funds to create alternatives of choice--*schools where students and teachers want to be*.

<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Recommendation-47-Alternative-Education-2008-Indiana-Commission-on-Disproportionality.pdf>

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