



Vision: *The preeminent voice for educational options.*

Mission: *To lead, promote and support innovative learning experiences.*

1. **Extended Time Revenue**

At-risk students (as defined by statute) enter alternative programs seriously deficient in academic skills and often with compounding emotional and mental health problems. They require individualized remedial teaching and addressing of negative and sometimes dangerous attitudes. This takes skilled instruction and guidance over time. It is recommended that:

- The multiplier for calculating extended time revenue be restored to the base formula. The current multiplier lacks adjustments for the costs of serving eligible students.
- The cap for extended time services be restored from .2 to .4 per student. The .2 cap severely restricts the capacity to adequately meet the needs of troubled at-risk youth.

2. **Support for Homeless Students**

The number of homeless students has grown significantly causing alarm in schools. Homeless students need additional resources and support systems. It is recommended that:

- Supplemental financial assistance be established for the full implementation of Federal legislation for serving homeless students. The funding can be based on eligible youth much the same as compensatory support.

3. **Alternative Assessments**

In recent years, alternative schools and programs have been unrealistically measured. It is recommended that:

- Appropriate measures be designed to appraise student and program progress particularly in the areas of academic growth, mental health and transitional skills.
- A study group be established to address this area of need.