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K-3 Suspension Ban

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I work in an alternative school district and so many of the students that come to us were expelled from their previous school. Unsurprisingly, the majority of those students are students of color. I haven't done the research or dived into data from our member district, but I do know that almost all students that come to us are not white and that students of color are referred to an alternative school district at high rates.

There needs to be a change to the way schools and teachers respond to our communities of color because right now, suspension and expulsion practices are inequitable. I support the ban on suspensions for grades K-3.