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Dear Governor Haley,

Drug Problem and A Solution with which to Experiment

Tonight one of the school nurses was telling me that The worse problem with the ADD drugs and children is that the parents get paid \$600 per month if the child takes the drug. When the child is on the drug, many do not want to go off the drug because they will lose their check. Also many children have no incentive to learn in order to get a job because they get a check and will not have to work (or so they think). In addition, when an ADD child get into trouble the lawyer pleads to the Judge that the child is a special needs child and therefore is not responsible. The nurse thinks that we are promoting the development of hoodlums.

Solution:

1. Hire a playground monitor for the full day. (this is much cheaper and healthier than drugs and payments)
2. Put in place 2 recesses a day for all children.
3. If 2 recesses do not calm a student enough, let the teacher issue him an additional 25 minutes on the playground. (A doctor told me that 26 minutes of recess was equal to 1 ADD drug pill.)
4. Let the teacher keep issuing passes to the playground for as much as is required.

Experiment with this method. A psychiatrist told me that a child should come into the room, sit down, and be ready to learn. If a child stays out doors long enough, I think that the child will eventually want to join his /her classmates in the room. If the curricula are appropriate, this should be the case. If not have the child make cards of vocabulary, math facts, spelling words, etc. to study on the playground while he is outside. Assume that 25 minutes on the playground equals one ADD drug pill and test it thoroughly. We need to know!!!!!!

Promotion should be based on how many standards or concepts the child has mastered. If he wants to play outside for 5 years, allow him to do so. He just stays in the same spot academically. The world needs lots of workers to make salads, wait tables, set poles, pour concrete, or run machinery. I'm sure that God has a plan for their life.

The alternative is to feed the drug culture. When the child turns 18, he or she cannot get prescriptions so they turn to street heroin.

The playground monitor is much healthier and cheaper. The playground idea will produce better citizens. The doctors believe that 25 minutes on the playground is equal to 1 ADD pill. Experiment and find out.

Blessings!

Pat Milley