

2.03 – Refer all Out-of-School Suspensions to the “Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension” (ALTOSS) program as a disciplinary alternative.

#### Narrative

SDIRC Division of Exceptional Student Education & Student Services worked with Tykes & Teens to conduct outreach to school teams to promote student referrals to the ALTOSS Program. Tykes & Teens conducted monthly data updates. In addition to direct school referrals, the organizations worked together to ensure that all students who received an out-of-school suspension received a call from Tykes & Teens directly unless the parent/guardian opted-out.

#### Data

SDIRC secondary schools referred 133 students to the ALTOSS Program in SY 19-20. Schools referred 15 students during the period of distance learning who had previously attended the ALTOSS Program and needed additional support.

#### Action Plan

The Division of Exceptional Student Education & Student Services will provide professional development during summer 2020 for school administrators related prevention and intervention options aligned with the Code of Student Conduct and African American Achievement Plan. This PD will include information about the ALTOSS Program, including school-based staff expectations. Finally, ESE/SS staff will collaborate with the Instructional Technology Department team in summer 2020 to simplify the electronic referral process.