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Milwaukee Needs Community Service Officers

The goal: Help get more sworn Police Officers on the street.

1. State law requires that the Milwaukee Public Schools provide funds for the Truancy And Burglary Suppression.(TABS).
2. Police Officers pick up students who are on the street during school hours and take them to one of the two TABS centers.
3. At the TABS center a Social Worker determines what to do with the student. The goal is to get the student to attend school.
4. In some cases the decision is made to issue a municipal truancy citation.
5. If the Police Officer doesn't appear in court the citation can be dismissed
6. If there was a Community Service Officer at the TABS center the Police Officers could be back on the street more quickly.
7. If a court appearance is needed the CSO could represent the City Police Officers would not have to go to court and be off the street..
8. If a school Principal wanted a have a chronic truant receive a citation it could be done by a CSO without using the time of a Police Officer.

Note: Chapter 119 of the Wisconsin Statutes might need clarification to include the job title Community Service Officer.

MPS policies may need changes to give authority to school Principals.

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