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INTRODUCTION

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IN OCTOBER 2006, THE Academy
Education conference—the first of
participants to respond to a partic
short and a little blunt, but we tho
tion was: "Why do kids hate scho
the discussions were provocative.
fifteen more conferences, all revolv
Now we meet twice a year—once
Conference, and once for the Criti
(which focuses on a single question

We invited John Goodlad to spe
why kids hate school. Goodlad had
he said in the message he sent us,
health issues. But he said more than
why he had to decline our offer, he
had asked a bad question. He said
school, because most students *don't*
like school than hate it, and he urge

Well, it was too late to chang
since then we've had a number of y
decided that John Goodlad was righ
so we have, these many years later
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would say is true of most human be
advice, even while tending to remain
things. Now the two of us want to
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