School-Based Health Centers: Proven Impact on Learning

School-based health centers improve attendance.
- SBHCs reduce early dismissals from school.3
- Using SBHC medical services is associated with better attendance.4

School-based health centers improve behavior and school climate.
- The presence of an SBHC on a school campus is associated with features of a positive learning environment.5
- Students who use SBHC mental health services improve their behavior.6

School-based health centers reduce dropout.
- Using SBHC services is associated with reduced likelihood of high-school dropout.8

School-based health centers support academic achievement.
- Students who receive SBHC mental health services improve their grades more quickly than their peers.11
- States with SBHCs that serve as Medicaid providers have higher student achievement results.12
- States that oversee health education and health services have higher test scores and lower dropout rates.13
1 Attendance Works. http://www.attendanceworks.org
7 California Department of Education. Dropout Data: Cohort Outcome Data for 2009-2010.
11 Walker et al. (2010).
13 Vinciullo et al. (2009).