California’s health and education equity gaps are wide. The pandemic made it worse.

58% Decrease in visits to pediatricians\(^1\)

25%+ Increase in rates of suicidal thinking and behavior\(^2\)

>5 MONTHS Behind in learning by the end of the 2020/21 school year\(^3\)

Historically marginalized communities experienced the greatest disparities.

And Student Health Care Needs Are Going Unmet

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<50% of Medi-Cal children receive all required preventive health services\(^4\)

School-Based Health Centers are a Proven Approach to Health and Education Equity

- EASY & SAFE ACCESS
  Meet students where they are—in school

- WHOLE CHILD APPROACH
  Physical + Mental + Social Emotional Health

- INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE
  Coordination between school and community health care providers

Yet California Is Not Making the Investment

LESS THAN 3% of California’s six million students have access to a school-based health center on their school campus.\(^5\)

CALIFORNIA IS 1 OF ONLY 15 STATES that does not provide state-level funding and support for school-based health centers.

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1. AAP, Action on Childhood Vaccinations, July 21, 2021
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The Student Health Index Shows Where to Invest for The Greatest Impact on Student Health and Learning

Top 10 Counties with Highest Ratio of High Need Schools to All Schools

Highest Need Schools Have

- 89% students eligible for free and reduced lunch
- 91% students of color

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