



California Students Need More School-Based Health Centers

It's a Matter of Health and Education Equity

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



Decrease in visits to pediatricians¹



Increase in rates of suicidal thinking and behavior²



Behind in learning by the end of the 2020/21 school year³

Historically marginalized communities experienced the greatest disparities.

And Student Health Care Needs Are Going Unmet

| | Recommended | National | California |
|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Counselor | 250-to-1 | 444-to-1 | 626-to-1 |
| Nurse | 750-to-1 | 936-to-1 | 2,410-to-1 |
| Psychologist | 700-to-1 | 1,526-to-1 | 1,041-to-1 |
| Social Worker | 250-to-1 | 2,106-to-1 | 7,308-to-1 |



of Medi-Cal children receive all required preventive health services⁴

California Department of Education, CALPADS2020, USDOE CRDC2018

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

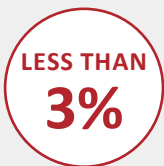
Physical + Mental + Social Emotional Health



INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE

Coordination between school and community health care providers

Yet California Is Not Making the Investment



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.

1 AAP, Action on Childhood Vaccinations, July 21, 2021

2 Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, September 2021

3 COVID-19 and education: the lingering effects of unfinished learning, McKinsey & Company, July 2021

4 State Auditor, Report Number: 2018-111

5 <https://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/>

The Student Health Index Shows Where to Invest for The Greatest Impact on Student Health and Learning



Highest Need Schools Have



students eligible for free and reduced lunch



students of color

Our Call to Action

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