California School Health Policy Update

For Members May 23, 2023







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CSHA POLICY PRIORITIES

- Goal 1: State funding allocated for improving and sustaining school-based health and wellness centers.
- Goal 2: Improve access to, and reimbursement for, minor consent mental health services to ensure access to confidential behavioral health services for adolescents.
- Goal 3: Improve substance use prevention and early intervention in schools by decreasing punitive discipline policies.



2023-24 STATE BUDGET

- Governor Newsom released his revised budget proposal on May 12.
- The 2023-24 Budget must be passed by the Legislature by June 15.
- May Revise at-a-glance:
 - \$306 Billion total (including \$224 Billion General Fund)
 - \$31 Billion shortfall (up \$9 Billion from January 2023)
 - \$127.2 Billion for K-12 Education
 - \$151.2 Billion for Medi-Cal



2023-24 STATE BUDGET

K-12 Education:

- COLA for LCFF 8.13% or \$3.4 Billion
- Community Schools \$4.1 Billion since 2021-22
 - **Planning Grants** up to \$200,000 for up to 2 years for LEAs with no existing community schools. Two rounds of funding.
 - Implementation Grants up to \$500,000 annually for new community schools or expansion of existing ones. Multiple rounds of funding.
 - **Extension Grants** up to \$100,000 annually beginning 2025-26 to extend Implementation Grants an additional two years.



2023-24 STATE BUDGET

- Health and Human Services:
 - \$49.8 Million over 4 years for public health workforce training and development programs
 - \$220.3 Million over 4 years to support the Naloxone Distribution Project
 - \$4.4 Billion since 2021-22 for the Child and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative



AB 912 – SAFE ACT

- CSHA is co-sponsoring Assembly Bill 912 The Strategic Anti-Violence Funding Efforts Act - by Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D - South Los Angeles).
 - The bill is also co-sponsored by the National Center for Youth Law.
- AB 912 reinvests \$235.3 Million in cost savings from two prison closures to programs that:
 - Reduce violence
 - Provide diversion opportunities
 - Deliver community supports including behavioral health, education, and vocational services



AB 912 – SAFE ACT

- \$50 Million annually for grants to SBHCs to provide physical and mental health services. The grants will support the establishment, expansion, and operational sustainability of SBHCs.
- \$50 Million annually for a Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) pilot program. CBITS supports early trauma-informed interventions for students experiencing extreme traumatic events.



SBHC BUDGET REQUEST

- Funding must be allocated through the State Budget to fund the programs in AB 912.
- CSHA is supporting a budget request for \$50
 Million for grants to establish, expand, and sustain SBHCs.
- The request is championed by Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer.



OTHER PRIORITY BILLS

- AB 599 (Ward) would prohibit schools from expelling or suspending students caught with tobacco or vaping products.
- AB 665 (Carrillo) would allow minors 12 and older on Medi-Cal to consent to mental health treatment.
- SB 541 (Menjivar) would require high schools to make condoms available for free to students. The bill also provides funding for free HPV vaccines for youth under 18.



LEARN MORE!

- Info on AB 912 and the \$50M budget request:
 schoolhealthcenters.org/policy/policy-updates/
- CYBHI: <u>chhs.ca.gov/home/children-and-youth-behavioral-health-initiative/</u>
- Community Schools: cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/ccspp.asp
- Governor Newsom's Budget Proposal: ebudget.ca.gov



UPCOMING MEETINGS

 California Health & Human Services Agency CYBHI Equity Working Group Wednesday, May 31, 2023 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration:

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Questions



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