



It's Time to Transform School Health for California's Future

Health & Education Equity Matters

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

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

School-Based Health Centers Can Positively Transform Communities



EASY & SAFE ACCESS

Meet students where they are—in school



WHOLE CHILD APPROACH

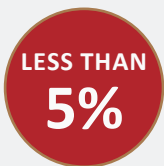
Physical + Mental + Social Emotional Health



INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE

Coordination between school and community health care providers

Now Is the Time to Invest in School-Based Health Centers



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 California Department of Education, CALPADS2020, USDOE CRDC2018

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

California has an opportunity to make transformational investments.
The Student Health Index shows where to make them.



Highest Need Schools Have



students eligible for free and reduced lunch



students of color on average

Our Call to Action

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Interactive Dashboard to Advocate Using County, District and School Data

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