PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS

TO COMBAT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM...

Since School Year (SY) 2018-2019, the number of chronically absent students in San Diego County has increased from 11.0% to 15.7%, a difference of over 21,000 students.

OVER 78,000 SAN DIEGO COUNTY STUDENTS MISSED 10% OR MORE OF SCHOOL DAYS IN SY 2020-2021

...DISTRICTS NEED STRONG WELLNESS POLICIES...

Wellness policies with unique goals and robust actions showed improvements in WellSAT* scores by:

+ Comprehensiveness: 21%
+ Language Strength: 39%

22 DISTRICTS HAVE UPDATED THEIR WELLNESS POLICIES SINCE 2017

ITEMIZATION OF FUNDING FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS ACTIONS NEARLY TRIPLED BETWEEN SY 2019-20 AND SY 2021-22

In 2021-2022, San Diego County school districts collectively invested $859 million on Health and Wellness actions, which was 39% of the districts’ State funding. The actions include Safety, Physical Health, and Social Emotional Health. Itemization of funding increased from 15% to 43% between School Years 2019-2020 and 2021-22, with the largest itemization increases in Physical Health and Social Emotional Health.

To learn more about your district’s trends in these key areas, contact Pam Smith of Live Well Schools.

*The WellSAT 3.0 is a national quantitative assessment tool developed by the UConn Rudd Center for Food Policy & Health to reflect best practices and identify where local school wellness policies are strong and where they could be improved.

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