



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS



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## TO COMBAT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM...

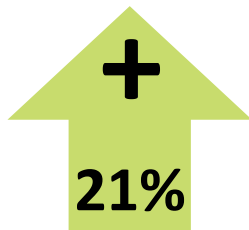
**MORE THAN  
140,000**  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY STUDENTS MISSED 10% OR MORE OF SCHOOL DAYS IN SY 2021-2022

Since School Year (SY) 2020-2021, the number of chronically absent students in San Diego County has increased from **15.7%** to **28.3%**, a difference of **over 61,000 students.**

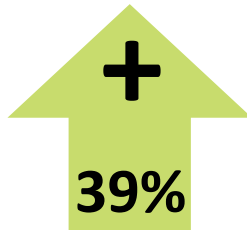


## ...DISTRICTS NEED STRONG WELLNESS POLICIES...

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



**Comprehensiveness**



**Language Strength**

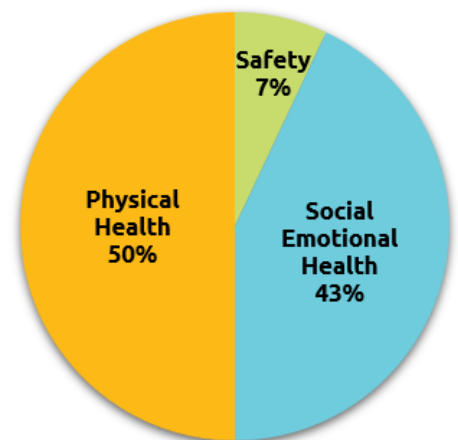
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DISTRICTS HAVE UPDATED THEIR WELLNESS POLICIES SINCE 2017

\*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.

## ...SUPPORTED BY FUNDING.

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 spent **\$855 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 **45%** 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.



**LIVE WELL**  
SAN DIEGO