

PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS



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:



39%
Language Strength

DISTRICTS HAVE UPDATED THEIR WELLNESS POLICIES SINCE 2017

Comprehensiveness

*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.

