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Investing in Student Wellness in California

State support for school-based wellness initiatives will grow California's economy, improve public safety, and strengthen national security

In California, parents, educators, and community leaders understand that student learning and success depend on more than academics alone. Raising a generation of successful, well-adjusted adults means supporting each child's physical, mental, and emotional health and development. Protecting and expanding funding for initiatives that help schools promote student wellbeing will help children recover from the pandemic and positively impact the future of our public safety, workforce, and national security.

An investment in student wellness is an investment in a generation. Schools, in partnership with organizations in their communities, are uniquely positioned to support student mental and physical health and improve opportunities for all children and youth to graduate high school, build resiliency, and lead healthy lives. In the end, these efforts can make for a safer society, and also result in more young people graduating from high school ready to embrace the next stage of their life, whether that path includes higher education, a skilled trade, or a military career.

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