



ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 10 (BROWNLEY) SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Lack of access to health care compromises students' ability to learn.

- Every day, many children come to school suffering from health conditions—including asthma, dental caries, diabetes, and mental health problems—that impact their ability to learn and to succeed.
- More than 1.5 million California children lacked health insurance for at least part of 2009, and one in five California children does not have dental insurance. Low-income children and children of color are disproportionately at risk: they are less likely to have insurance and to have a medical home.

School-based health centers support student success by putting health care where kids are.

- The 176 school-based health centers across California are an integral part of the state's health care delivery system. They increase access to high-quality, affordable health care by providing medical, mental health, and dental services, health education, and/or youth development programs at school sites.
- Research shows that school-based health centers improve academic achievement and student success by raising attendance rates, reducing dropout rates, and improving classroom attention and behavior.

Californians support school-based health centers.

- Despite challenging economic times, many communities across California have made it a priority to piece together local, federal, and private money to start and run school-based health centers.
- The California Legislature has demonstrated its support school-based health centers by passing SB620: The Healthy Start Support Services for Children Act (1991), AB2560, which created the State School Health Center Program (2006), and SB564: The School Health Centers Act (2008).

AJR10 memorializes the California Legislature's support for school-based health centers.

In March 2010, the United States Congress authorized a school-based health center program in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act but did not appropriate any money to fund it. In addition, the United States Congress is expected to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in 2011.

AJR10 memorializes the California Legislature's support for:

- ✓ The school-based health center program authorized by the U.S. Congress in 2010.
- ✓ An appropriation by the U.S. Congress to fund the school-based health center program.
- ✓ Policies that include school-based health centers in creating medical homes for children.
- ✓ The inclusion by the U.S. Congress of school-based health centers in the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act as an important strategy for ensuring that students are physically and mentally healthy and therefore ready to learn and succeed.

AJR10 is sponsored by the California School Health Centers Association (CSHC).

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- Adolescent Health Working Group
- California Adolescent Health Collaborative
- California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)
- California State PTA
- Center for Oral Health
- Children Now
- Children's Defense Fund-California
- Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County
- Delta Health Care
- HOPE Clinic A Program of Newport-Mesa Unified School District
- L.A.'s Promise
- La Clínica de la Raza
- Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
- Medical Billings Technologies, Inc.
- Mendocino Community Health Clinic
- Mental Health Association in California
- Oakland Unified School District
- Partnership for Children and Youth
- Pinole Valley High School
- Redwood Coast Medical Services
- Salud Para La Gente
- School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County
- St. John's Well Child and Family Center
- The Children's Partnership
- The Saban Free Clinic
- Tulare Community Health Clinic
- Vallejo City Unified School District
- Youth Uprising