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Please Protect School Children's Health Funding

School Health Services are the first and sometimes the only health care Florida's children receive. As you consider many tough decisions this year, we respectfully request your consideration and support to protect children's health care funding including school health services, full service schools, comprehensive school health education and physical education.

Children are one of our most vulnerable populations and their health needs have become more demanding in the 21st century. The increase of chronic diseases such as Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and asthma, the rise of childhood obesity, the lack of physical fitness and the need for alcohol and drug prevention dictate that now more than ever our children need appropriate and available health care while at school.

Over 3 million children in all 67 counties receive health services through our school system. The State of Florida funds these services through appropriations to the Department of Health and Department of Education. Local school districts also contribute to fund the needed services.

In anticipation of funding cuts for County Health Departments due to decreased revenue estimates the Line Item Appropriations by the Florida Legislature are critical. School Health Services are the first and sometimes the only health care Florida's children receive.

Please Protect Funding For:

School Health
Full Service Schools
Physical Education

Florida's Children are Depending on it!