

UNFAV SB628

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SB628: In School Health Centers

I am writing to express my opposition to SB628: In School Health Centers in schools.

Children already need to be vaccinated to attend school. In general, a school health center for sports physicals and vaccine administration cannot replace a routine, thorough well visit with the child's physician with their parent or legal guardian present. A child's best health outcomes happen when the parent and pediatrician work as a team, taking into consideration the health history, precautions, and any contraindications before making any medical decisions.

Schools are clearly already overburdened and struggling to provide the basics of education. They cannot take on additional tasks. Our public schools require the funding and every available resource to fix basic infrastructure, like remediating asbestos, mold and lead that are a threat to children's health. Our children also deserve clean drinking water and air conditioning, as does anyone spending time in school buildings.

Any current or future resources allocated for school health centers need to instead be put toward the actual purposes of providing a high quality education and ensuring school buildings have updated infrastructure.

Please do not allow this bill to move forward.

Thank you,
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