

ACSA ADVOCATES

FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 428

In 2014-2015, Proposition 98 supplied \$3.2 billion for special education and the federal government provided \$1.2 billion. This left school districts to come up with \$7.6 billion, or 63% of the overall cost, in order to provide their students with the appropriate special education services.



750,000:
Special education is California's largest K-12 categorical program, serving more than 750,000 children with disabilities.



\$450-\$1,100:
Current funding for special education in California ranges from about \$470 to over \$1,100 per student.

AB 428

ACSA SUPPORTS SPECIAL EDUCATION REFORM THAT ENSURES ACCOUNTABILITY, MAINTAINS LOCAL CONTROL AND PROVIDES FUNDING THAT RECOGNIZES THE GROWING NUMBER AND INCREASED SEVERITY OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Special education services are state and federally mandated, however, state and federal funding has simply not kept pace with skyrocketing special education costs, which are suffocating school district budgets. That is why we support AB 428.



AB 428 would increase base AB 602 funding rates to the 95th percentile over a five-year period and by establishing a funding formula within AB 602 for programs serving preschools with disabilities.



AB 428 would change the current AB 602 formula to allow school districts to calculate a declining enrollment adjustment while providing additional funding for students with significant high-cost disabilities.



AB 602:
AB 602 establishes a consistent base for distributing funds, yet violates LCFF's equity principle



5.1%:
A 2016 report indicates the number of students with disabilities has grown 5.1% from 2005-2014 while ADA has stayed flat



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FOR MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION

Education leaders say they need mental health professionals, including social workers, psychiatrists and psychologists on school campuses. These individuals must be able to respond to daily issues that arise, establish long-term health school initiatives and develop trusting relationships with students and parents.



7.4
More than 7.4 percent of California children have a serious emotional disturbance.



1 in 5:

Rates of suicidal ideation among California teens are above the national average with more than 1 in 5 female high school students reporting "seriously considering attempting suicide in during the past 12 months.

100%

ALL DISTRICTS BENEFIT FROM MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION

Disparities in child health in the US are a serious impediment to reducing poverty across generations.

CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PLAY CRITICAL ROLES IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT



AB 1546

Permits LEA's to make direct claims for Medi-Cal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment funds.



AB 1126

Improves the delivery of services to students by increasing mental health services and transparency, accountability and coordination.



SB 582

Restores \$15 million in Proposition 63 mental health triage grants to support LEAs ability to offer preventative, early intervention, and direct mental health services to youth.

\$100

It would cost less than \$100 per pupil annually to provide physical and mental health coverage at all public schools.



43.1%

43.1 percent of elementary schools in unified districts offer mental health services.

