

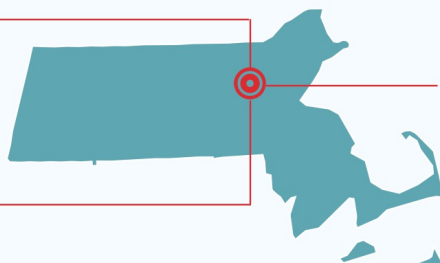
Every Child Needs A School Nurse

Yet, many MA schools have only part-time nurses, particularly in poorer districts



In Massachusetts...

86% of all MA students visit the school nurse at least once a year



12.4% of students in grades K-8 have asthma

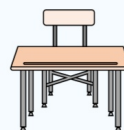


27% of students have special health conditions

Black and Latino students are **3X** more likely to land in the ER due to uncontrolled asthma.



Asthma is one of the leading causes of school absenteeism.



Students with chronic absenteeism are more likely to drop out of high school.

School Nurses Provide



Solution: A Full-Time School Nurse

School nurses keep kids in school!

93% of students return to the classroom after a visit to the nurse.

Every **\$1.00** spent on full-time school nurses saves **\$2.20** in:

- teacher time
- parent loss of work time
- healthcare costs



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