

California School Nurses promote . .

- *Healthy kids*
- *Academic success, and*
- *Bright futures*

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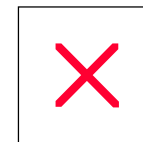
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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



**California School
Nurses Organization**

The mission of the California School Nurses Organization (CSNO) is to promote and strengthen its members in their role as the primary health professional within the educational community.

This will be accomplished through:

- *professional development,*
- *legislative advocacy,*
- *communication with members,*
- *membership recruitment,*
- *public relations,*
- *governance and leadership development.*

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*Credentialed
School Nurses*

The California School Nurses Organization (CSNO), a professional association representing 1500 credentialed school nurses supports the following legislative priorities for the 2000-2002 legislative cycle:

- *Mandate school nurses as the school health coordinators and primary health care providers on every school campus.*
- *Increase funding for credentialed school nurses to the nationally recommended level: One school nurse to every 750 students.*
- *Expand the definition of "teacher" to include credentialed school nurses.*
- *Expand coordinated school health programs on school campuses as described in the California Department of Education document "Building Infrastructure for Coordinated School Health: California's Blueprint."*

- *Add school nurses and other student support personnel to mentoring programs.*
- *Continue education-linked Medi-Cal funding streams (LEA and MAA), ease access to funding, and streamline the programs to make them more user (education) friendly.*
- *Clean-up conflicting codes and regulations affecting health care delivery in education settings.*
- *Assure every school district hire at least one credentialed school nurse as a member of the school staff to supervise and/or provide health services. Utilize contracted services to supplement, not supplant existing services.*
- *Expand the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) waiver to include retired school nurses, particularly in areas where the school nursing shortage is greatest.*

**Every Child Can Learn,
Healthy Children Learn Better.**