

Student Health Investment Area - Kindergarten to 12th Grade

Current Strategies - 2004 Levy

- School-based health centers in ten high schools and four middle schools
- School-based health support services

Recommended Strategies - 2011 Levy

- Maintain current school-based health centers in ten high schools and four middle schools.
- Continue school-based health support services
- Expand school-based health centers to high-need schools such as the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center (SBOC) and Mercer Middle School.

New Strategies

- Provide school-based primary health care and mental health services for elementary school students, in coordination with middle school school-based health centers (SBHC) and the family's health care home.
- Implement health services for high-risk middle and high school students in alternative settings.
- Enhance dental and mental health services provided at school-based health centers.

Why these strategies?

Recognizing the health and mental health barriers to academic achievement, the Levy has long invested in student health services. These health services, particularly the school-based health centers (SBHCs), provide the critical physical and mental health support necessary to remove those barriers, and have resulted in higher GPA, attendance, and graduation rates. The Committee recommends continuing the school-based health services strategy, expanding such services to the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center and Mercer Middle School. Three new strategies are also recommended as part of the comprehensive student health investment. First is the strategy is to provide school-based health services for elementary schools. Services will be coordinated through SBHCs already in place at middle schools and families' health care home. The second strategy is a health services model to serve high-risk middle and high school students in alternative education settings. Finally, the Levy will provide enhanced dental and mental health services at SBHCs.

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