

Policy Recommendations from the *Safe Schools Toolkit*

Increase Mental Health Supports and Services:

- ▶ Continue continuity of care through collaborative relationships with LEAs and county health departments by providing expanded services to students through school-based health clinics, wellness programs, relevant partner organizations, and other programs allowed through Medicare and MediCal.
- ▶ Provide additional funding in order to ensure appropriate school counselors, social workers, psychologists, and school nurses are available to address the physical and social-emotional well-being of students.
- ▶ Increase access to student mental health services developing awareness of resources to reduce the stigma of reaching out for services.
- ▶ Fund professional learning on mental health for educators, staff, and administrators to identify and support students in distress or crisis.

Invest in Digital Literacy, Privacy, and Protection:

- ▶ Implement robust data privacy measures to safeguard sensitive information collected through security systems and reporting mechanisms.
 - ▶ Reauthorization or expansion of data privacy and protection must to include expansion of the age of consent for collecting personal information without prior consent,
 - ▶ Prohibit targeted marketing directly to children under 13,
 - ▶ Create a mechanism that allows parent and minors to erase personal information of children or teens, and
 - ▶ Focus on safety through a duty of care and parental tools

