Advocating for Funds in LCAP to Ensure All Students Are Enrolled in Health Coverage

As you meet with school districts and school board officials, these are sample talking points you may want to make.

• As the district allocates its LCFF funds, our district has a chance to make sure all students come to school ready to learn.

• Too often our students are absent because they have an untreated earache, a dental problem, or another health condition that could be easily treated if they had health insurance.

• Other students get into trouble at school because they have an undiagnosed mental health condition or cannot get needed mental health care because they have no health coverage.

• The evidence is in: students with health coverage are more likely to be able to attend school and pay attention when they are in class.

• As we make the hard choices about how to use our LCFF funds, we know that making sure all of our students have health coverage can improve the outcomes our district is responsible for achieving: increasing student engagement, strengthening parent involvement, and improving the school climate.

• We recommend that our LCAP include a mechanism to identify students without insurance and to help those without coverage enroll or find a counselor who can help them.

• We are ready to work with the district to develop the most effective mechanism to accomplish this culture of coverage and identify resources that need to be included in the LCAP.