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RE: AB 1915 Pupil Health: Narcan at school (Support)

To Dr Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **Support AB 1915**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation.

AB 1915 would require school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools that voluntarily determine to make naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available on campus to ensure that the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist is placed in an appropriate location that is widely known and easily accessible, during school hours and after school hours. The bill would require the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to be located on campus in at least one of several specified locations. This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to develop an opioid overdose training program and program toolkit, as defined, to be made available to public high schools for public high school pupils to be trained on how to identify and respond to an opioid overdose.

CCLHO supports this bill for the following reasons –

- Expansion of Narcan and education to students which broadens the pool of individuals able to reverse in overdose.
- Expands locations where Narcan is available both during and after school hours on school campuses.
- Overdose response must be quick, and it is important for others, in addition to a school nurse or first responders, to be able to respond to an overdose.

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Sincerely,

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