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RE: SB 10 - Pupil health: opioid overdose prevention and treatment: Melanie's Law

To Dr. Aragon,

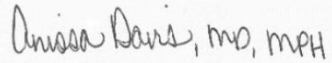
On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to provide our recommendation to **SUPPORT SB 10.**

This bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the California Health and Human Services Agency, to establish the State Working Group on Fentanyl Education in Schools, for the purpose of promoting public education, awareness, and prevention of fentanyl overdoses, with the outreach aimed at staff and pupils in schools. The bill would state the Legislature's encouragement of county offices of education to establish similar county working groups. The bill would require the State Working Group on Fentanyl Education in Schools, in collaboration with specified relevant entities, to develop a School Resource Guide on Opioids, serving as a toolkit that may be accessed by school staff. The bill would require that certain information be included in the guide, that the department distribute the guide to all county offices of education, school districts, state special schools, and charter schools serving pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and that each of those local educational agencies distribute it to their school campuses, as specified. The bill would also require the department and the agency to collaborate to develop informational materials containing safety advice, for pupils and parents or guardians of pupils, on how to prevent an opioid overdose. The bill would require the department to distribute the informational materials to the local educational agencies and would require the local educational agencies to distribute the informational materials to school campuses. The bill would require a school to notify pupils and parents or guardians of pupils of the informational materials, as specified.

For these reasons, CCLHO recommends a SUPPORT position for SB 10.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anissa Davis, MD, MPH". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

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