

# What Do Students Need to Thrive?



## Key Takeaways

### Parent Perceptions of Student Needs to Thrive

- 1 Parents were concerned most about emotional support for children, socialization, mental health, time with peers, & learning challenges.
- 2 Parents were concerned about their own child's engagement, learning skills, mental health, isolation, falling behind, and anxiety.
- 3 What top three areas of focus do parents want their schools to center?
  1. Check on students and families to help them navigate whether their needs are being met (e.g. nutrition, housing, technology, etc.)
  2. Focus on health care needs of students (mental, behavioral and physical health)
  3. Provide opportunities for students to have time for socialization and face-to-face interactions to focus these skills
- 4 65% of parents rank child socialization and face-to-face interactions as the highest priorities.
- 5 38% of parents rank standardized testing to measure learning loss for their children as the lowest priority.
- 6 Parents ranked access to tutors and smaller teacher to student ratios as highest priorities for students' instructional needs.
- 7 Parents ranked behavioral/mental health support highest priority to support basic needs of children.

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## Call to Action!

### Protect Student Wellness and Success Funds in Ohio's Budget!!!

**Message/Headline:** Student Wraparound Services & Supports in Schools

**Three Key Messages:**

- Support child mental and behavioral health needs in our schools – where children are most.
- Help all students who may need support services by maintaining and protecting Student Wellness and Success Funds for Ohio schools
- Require funds be used to support student wraparound services, such as mental health counseling, mentorships, behavioral health care, and other supports that promote child health and make it easier for children to learn.

#### **Raise Your Voice & Contact Your Representative**

By phone and/or email, find your legislator here: <https://www.ohiosenate.gov/senators/district-map>

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in your district. My child(ren)/I live in \_\_\_\_\_ school district. Children need well-resourced schools now and in the future and funding to support their recovery from this pandemic. Children have experienced trauma, isolation, and the loss of family members, friends, and uncertainty. I'm calling to voice my support of Student Wellness and Success Funds in Ohio's Budget to meet the needs of children during this time and into the future. These funds should also be spent to support child wellness as intended.

By social media:

@[your Ohio senator] I live in your district & I'm calling on you to support & preserve Student Wellness & Success Funds for their intended purpose in the #OhioBudget to meet the emotional needs of my child and their peers right now & in the long term #FundStudentWellness #OhioPTA #CDFSOHIO

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