

April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and
Human Services, and Education
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and
Human Services, and Education
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and
Human Services, and Education
Senate Appropriations Committee

Re: Addressing the Shortages of School Mental Health Professionals in FY2023

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member Cole, and Ranking Member Blunt:

As you develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations bill for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, the undersigned national, state, and local organizations encourage you to address the severe shortages of school-based mental health professionals

the School Social Work Association of America both recommend a ratio of 1:250; however, national ratios for all professions are more than double what is recommended. Our students deserve better.

Colorado Association of Elem School Principals
Colorado Society of School Psychologists (CSSP)
Connecticut Association of School Psychologists
E.C. Best Elementary
Florida Association of School Psychologists
GAESP
Georgia Association of Middle School Principals
Idaho School Psychologist Association
Illinois Principals Association
Illinois PTA
Indiana Association of School Psychologists
Kansas Association of School Psychologists
Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools (KAPS)
Louisiana School Psychological Association
Maine Association of School Psychologists
Maryland School Psychologists' Association
Massachusetts PTA
Massachusetts School Psychology Association
Nebraska Association of School Psychologists
Nebraska PTA
New Jersey PTA
New Mexico Association of School Psychologists
NJ Principals and Supervisors Association
North Carolina Principals & Assistant Principals' Association
North Dakota Association of School Psychologists
NYASP
Ohio School Psychologists Association
Oklahoma School Psychological Association
OSPA Legislative Committee
Pennsylvania PTA
Pennsylvania School Counselors Association
School Administrators Association of NYS
South Carolina Association of School Psychologists
South Dakota Association of School Psychologists
Tennessee Association of School Psychologists (TASP)
Texas Association of School Psychologists
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association
University of Missouri- St. Louis
Utah Association of School Psychologists (UASP)
Virginia Academy of School Psychologists
WAEMSP
Washington State Association of School Psychologists (WSASP)
West Virginia School Psychologists Association
Wisconsin School Psychologists Association (WSPA)
WV Assoc Of Elementary/Middle School Principals
Wyoming School Psychology Association (WSPA)