Recent \$6m grant with SJCOE for suicide prevention, SUD screenings, etc. that will serve 13 school districts and 144K students.

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In January 2022, San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services and the San Joaquin County Office of Education successfully applied to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's Mental Health Student Services Act for \$6 million.

The four-year grant will serve 144,000 students in 13 school districts with the following services:

- Screening students in grades 6–12 for substance use disorder and referral for counseling, if necessary.
- Suicide prevention programs for students in grades K–8, including peer-to-peer mentoring summits to help teach students how to support one another.
- Professional learning opportunities to train school staff.
- Parent Project classes to help families learn positive parenting practices.