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*The purpose of the 2017-18
legislative priorities is to
support CSNO's mission
statement by establishing the
Organization's legislative
agenda for the 2017-18
legislative sessions.*

This platform is representative of
CSNO's legislative efforts. The
platform does not list every issue of
concern for the Organization; rather
it describes those issues deemed as
priorities by the Board of Directors,
Governmental Relations Committee
and the membership for the 2017-
18 legislative sessions.



The mission of CSNO:

The mission of the California School Nurses Organization, the leading force for excellence in school health services, is to ensure that **school nurses optimize student health and enhance learning** through a network distinguished by:

Facilitating grassroots efforts within regional sections;

Developing and providing professional learning opportunity;

Fostering the development of leaders;

Conducting research and using evidence based practice;

Providing standards of care;

Advocating for school health services



Government Relations

The CSNO Governmental Relations program is a comprehensive legislative advocacy effort, providing a full range of legislative, grassroots and political activities on behalf of the Organization and its members. The program is governed by existing policies and procedures developed and adopted by the CSNO Board of Directors.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

The Legislative Advocate, Governmental Relations Committee Chairs, GRC Committee members and all CSNO members provide legislative representation on behalf of the Organization.

GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

Members of the five CSNO sections provide advocacy at the local level. CSNO staff and the GRC committee provide assistance and information for the grassroots activities.



CSNO – 2017-18 Legislative Priorities

- Advocate for a safe and adequate student to school nurse ratio in all California schools.
- Advocate for legislative funding to support the student to school nurse ratio.
- Support legislation that requires collecting data about students with chronic health conditions attending California schools.
- Support the development of adequate and consistent data collection by CDE on school health issues.
- Support federal legislation to repeal the Social Security Offset and Windfall Elimination penalties that adversely affect the retirement income of many California school nurses.