School Nurses are experts on health-related absenteeism. School Nurses also invest into Evidence-Based Practices. Counties reported no change in student chronic absenteeism & attendance.

In examining trend data, 53% of counties reported no change in student to school nurse ratios; 39% improved ratios and 7% where student to school nurse ratios were worse.

How Does Your District Measure Up?
ESSA & LCAP require funds to be invested into Evidence-Based Practices. ESSA + LCAP = School Nurse Funding = chronic absenteeism & attendance.

School Nurses & Chronic Absenteeism
Investing in an Evidence-Based Practice

*School Nurses are experts on health-related absenteeism. Preventing illness, providing nursing interventions for students to reduce chronic absenteeism is their expertise (Mickel, Shanovich, Evans, & Jackson, 2017; Engelke et al., 2014, 2011).

*School Nurses can ‘assess’ chronically absent students at school before sending home or for the students to be able to stay home (Lazdowsky et al., 2016; Szychlinski et al., 2015; Krenitsky-Korn, 2011).

*School Nurses provide care coordination for students (Garwick et al., 2015; Terry et al., 2016).

*Chronic diseases impact student attendance, school nurses are knowledgeable to help develop health care plans to support students at school (Blackwell et al., 2017).

*School Nurses work with public health to assess and address potential or actual communicable diseases at school i.e. influenza (Pannaraj, 2014).