



**Agenda Item B-7**



**Fresno Unified  
School District**

## **School Based Health Centers**

**Gaston Health and Wellness Center**

**Potential New Health and Wellness Centers**

**January 11, 2017**

# Overview: School Based Health Centers

- Innovative way to provide students with access to health care
- 2,000 school health centers nationwide and 243 in California
- Well-developed self-sustaining financial model
- Partnership between school district and health care provider
- District sets policies including services provided
- Coordination between school nurse and clinic staff
- Emphasis on primary care and treatment, management of chronic conditions, education and prevention, risk reduction

# Benefits to Students/Families/Schools

**Health home for  
students and  
families**

**Services targeted  
to community  
need**

**Students spend  
more time in  
class**

**Contributes to  
positive school  
climate**

**Insurance  
eligibility/  
enrollment**

**Convenient,  
trusted  
environment**

# Gaston Health and Wellness Center

- Opened with new school for 2014/15 school year
- Serves 0-19 year olds
- Open 40 hours weekly
- Financially sustainable operation
- Service provider Clinica Sierra Vista – selected through competitive process
- Services include primary care/treatment, physicals, case management, immunizations, vision care, mental/behavioral health care, lab services, referrals for dental care, drug and alcohol counseling, health education, transportation to main clinic

# Gaston Health and Wellness Center



# Gaston – Facility and Staffing

## Facility

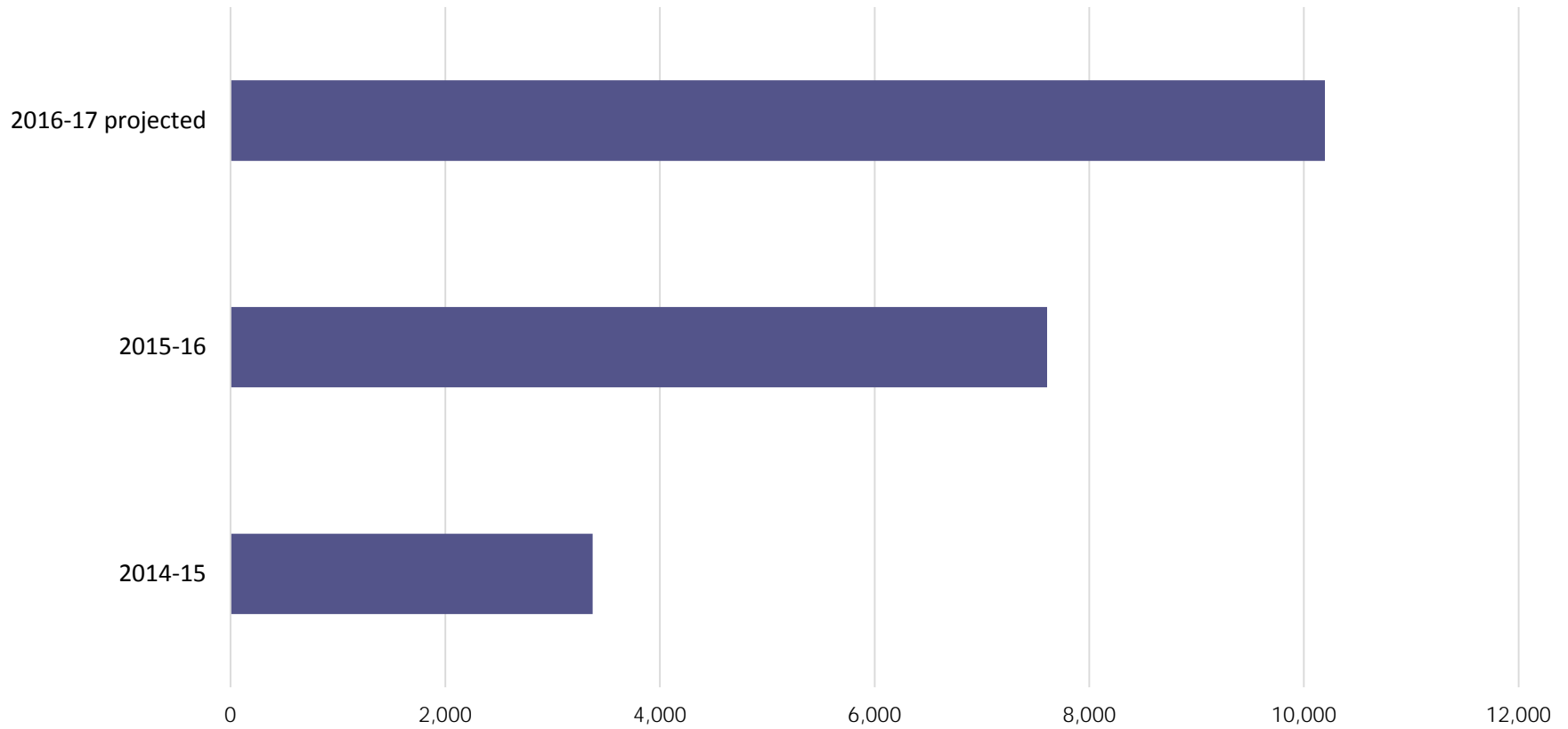
- District-owned facility
- Health Center adjacent to school nurse's office with separate, secure entrance
- Health Center includes reception area, exam and treatment rooms, nurse's station, and behavioral health room

## Staffing

- District: full-time school nurse (RN) and LVN, part-time health aide
- Clinica Sierra Vista: clinic director, medical professional (MD/NP/PA), LVN, medical assistants, receptionist, mental health provider, insurance enroller

# Gaston – Students Served

## Patient Visits



# Gaston – Key Contract Provisions

- Board approved agreement with Clinica Sierra Vista Dec. 11, 2013
- Services provided and population served
- Clinica Sierra Vista responsible for:
  - Medical and support staff
  - Maintaining and replacing equipment
  - Cleanliness and waste removal
- Financial model:
  - Payment from third party sources
  - No co-pays collected on site
  - No child will be denied services
  - Any fund balance to be reinvested in district services





## Gaston Health and Wellness Center Financial Summary

	Revenue	Expenses	Fund Balance
2014/15	\$390,286	\$376,273	\$14,013
2015/16	\$543,166	\$481,420	\$61,746
Total	\$933,452	\$857,693	\$75,759

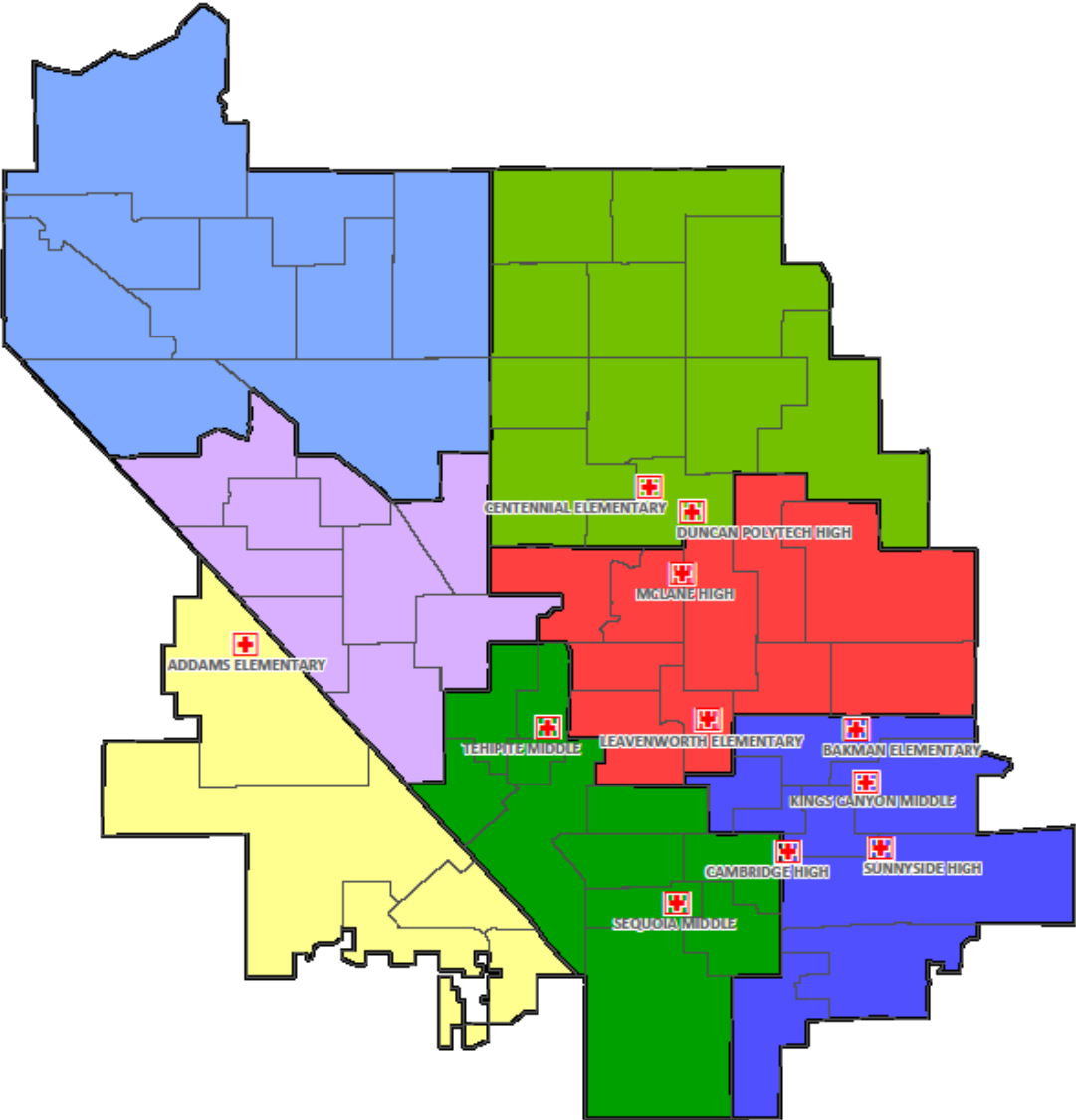
# Gaston Health and Wellness Center Outcomes

- Students have immediate access to quality health care
- Students spend more time in class, ready to learn
- System developed for referrals for additional needs
- Ability to enroll in health insurance programs
- High student and parent satisfaction
- Financially sustainable operation
- Positive impact on school and community
- Integration with school programs/services

# Potential New School Health Centers

- Community Healthcare Partnership Group convened by Fresno Unified starting summer 2015
- Identification of overall needs and priority sites for school based health centers based on data
- Request for Qualifications process: two school health providers pre-qualified by the Board 8/10/2016
- Request for Proposals for specific priority sites: currently negotiating and recommendation to be presented to the Board at upcoming meeting

# POTENTIAL SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS



# Potential New School Health Centers Proposals Process

- Request for Proposals – for up to six sites:
  - Service delivery plan including services to be provided
  - Proposal for health center facilities tailored to sites
  - Project implementation plan and timeline
  - Financial commitment and potential partnerships
- Provider proposal under consideration includes capital improvements and equipment – no cost to the district
- Sites at each school to be identified and evaluated
- Existing or new facilities

# Potential New School Health Centers Proposals Timeline

8/05/2016

Board Communication distributed

8/10/2016

Board pre-qualified two school health providers

10/21/2016

Board Communication distributed

10/25/2016

RFP 17-12 released to qualified providers

11/08/2016

Providers toured potential sites with staff

12/21/2016

Proposals received from pre-qualified providers

12/22/2016

Staff evaluation of proposals

1/05/2017

Negotiations commenced and ongoing

1/25/2017

Planned recommendation to Board

*School Based Health Centers*

1/11/2017

# Potential New School Health Centers

## Next Steps

- Continue negotiations with potential provider
- Identify facility modifications required by site
- Refine implementation plan and timeline
- Coordinate with district and site leaders
- Identify/address potential district contribution
- Present recommendation for Board approval



# Student and Parent Feedback

*"Having the clinic at my school has been helpful for me and I've noticed that I've been able to stay in school longer and I've been able to learn better. If my mom has to pick me up and we have to go to the doctor, we don't have to use gas, we can just walk over here. It's very different from the old doctor that I would go to. They're kind and nice, at the old doctor sometimes they would be mean and I was little then, so I would be scared. I like it better here."*

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Gaston student

*"I feel like it helps the community a lot because the doctors are great and it's very convenient because there's a lot of low income families around here that don't have transportation and find it very easy to come here for services and once they come here they'll go back. I wish they had more of these, I really wish at an elementary school or something in this area because a lot of families here are really low income and a lot of them don't know too much so we rely on the doctor and sometimes there are children or parents that need more care or need to know more."*

- Mother of Gaston 7<sup>th</sup> grader