



Written Testimony to House Education Committee: March 11, 2019 re: HB 2224

The Healthy Kids Learn Better (HKLB) Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals dedicated to advancing policies and practices that support the whole child, because we know that healthy kids learn better.

Our schools are uniquely positioned to support the health, well-being and development of our young people, but they cannot do it alone and require adequate resources to meet the needs of students and families.

HKLB Coalition proudly supports HB 2224 because it:

- Provides a **funding opportunity for school districts** to increase their capacity to partner or provide necessary social, emotional, and mental health needs of students;
- Specifically calls out **professional development** for educators and staff;
- Elevates the need for **improvement to and coordination of student health data**.

We encourage you to support HB 2224 and provide our schools with necessary resources to meet the social, emotional and mental health needs of students across the state.

In Health,

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