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THE L.A. TRUST PLANS BUS TOUR OF THREE LAUSD SCHOOL-BASED WELLNESS CENTERS

WHAT: The L.A. Trust, which serves as the only non-profit in Los Angeles County exclusively focused on improving school health programs, is sponsoring a tour of three successful Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) School-Based Wellness Centers for elected officials and members of other school districts.

The bus tour will provide a first-hand look and guided overview of what is working well at these centers, along with what challenges and opportunities exist towards the establishment of creating healthier students and communities. Students will be available at each site to answer questions about their experiences at the Wellness Centers on their campuses.

In 2008, The L.A. Trust’s strategic plan established the need for and recommended placement of 14 new “Wellness Centers” located on school campuses across geographic areas of high priority. This was followed, in 2009, by the LAUSD School Board’s commitment of \$28 million to develop these joint-use facilities, which would provide medical, behavioral health, and oral health care throughout the district for students, their families, as well as the surrounding communities.

Twelve of the 14 sites have now opened their doors and, in partnership with dedicated community health clinic providers, have treated over 33,000 patients to date.

WHO: Mountain View School District representatives, Bright Star Schools representatives LAUSD School Board Members, State Legislative staffers

WHEN: Thursday, October 2, 2014

Time	Location	Address
Leave at 9:00am	LAUSD Headquarters	333 S. Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles 90017
Time 9:30am	Garfield High School Wellness Center	501 S. Woods Avenue, Los Angeles 90022
Time 10:40am	Jefferson High School Wellness Center	3410 S. Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles 90011
Time 11:40am	Fremont High School Wellness Center	7821 S. Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles 90003

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About the Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health (L.A. Trust):

In 2008, The L.A. Trust worked with LAUSD and community stakeholders to create a strategic plan for Wellness Centers. In 2009, the plan was approved and since then LAUSD has invested \$34 million in joint use funds to build 14 Wellness Centers across Los Angeles County's health hot spots. Over the past two years, The L.A. Trust has vastly impacted the development of the Wellness Center models toward consistent operations and standards; piloted a successful oral health care program; and continued advocating for a more comprehensive wellness policy for LAUSD. The mission of The L.A. Trust is to improve student health and increase readiness to learn through access, advocacy and programs.

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