



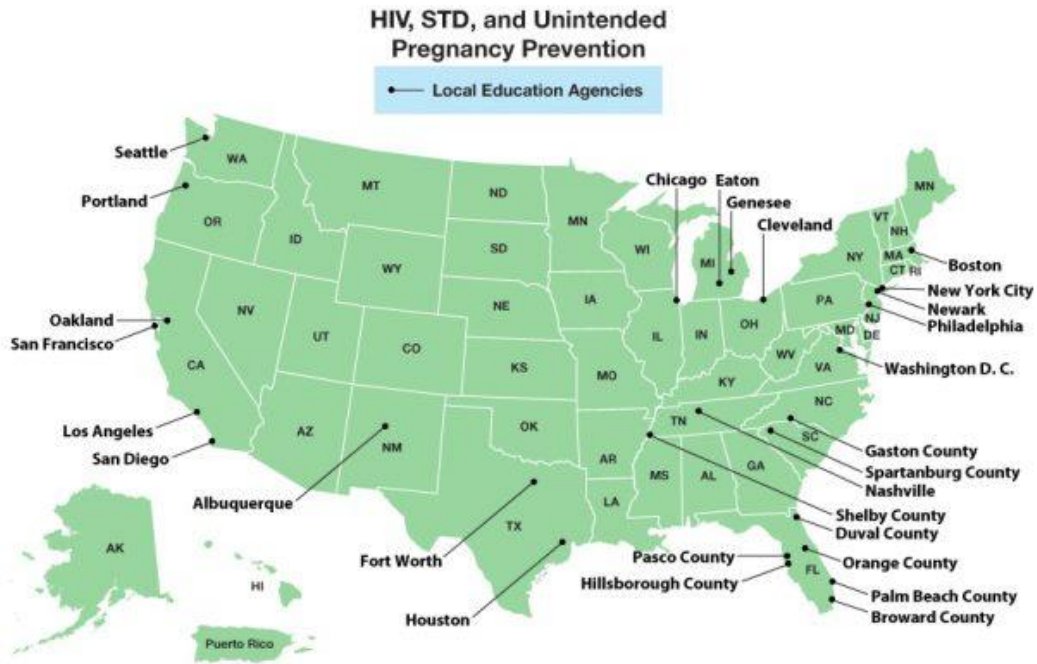
**Division of Adolescent and School Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
FY 2020 Labor HHS Appropriations Bill**

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 20 President's request	FY 20 TFAH
Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH)	\$32,964,000	\$33,081,000	\$33,081,000	\$50,000,000

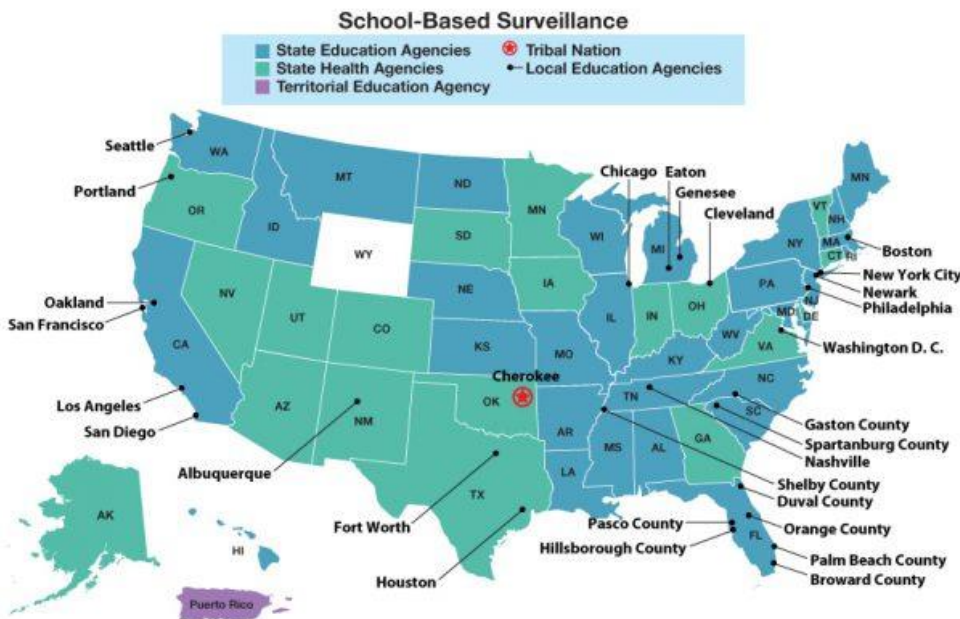
Background: The CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) works to promote environments where youth can gain fundamental health knowledge and skills, establish healthy behaviors for a lifetime, connect to health services, and avoid becoming pregnant or infected with HIV or STDs. DASH funding strengthens quality health education, increases access to and use of key health services and promotes safe and supportive school environments. DASH is a unique program in that it collects data that translates directly into action and supports a network of leaders in primary prevention by funding education agencies.

Impact: This program promotes health and well-being of adolescents by implementing evidence-based programs and policies in schools for less than \$10 per student. Through enhancing protective factors this program helps children and adolescents avoid multiple behaviors that place them at risk for adverse health and educational outcomes. DASH currently supports this mission through:

- **Direct funding to 28 local education agencies**, to implement school-based programs and practices designed to reduce and prevent HIV, STD, and pregnancy among adolescents as well as establish safe and supportive environments for students. DASH's programs have been proven to reduce sexual risk behaviors, high-risk substance use, violence victimization and suicide.
- **Funding to 50 State and 28 Local Education Agencies for surveillance**, which supports DASH's three-school-based surveillance systems that provide educators with information they can translate into programs, policies, and practices that and improve students' health and well-being.
- **Support to national organizations**, to help education agencies with training, technical assistance, and resource development to increase the impact of local programs.



Source: CDC. The above map represents FY2018 grants to local education agencies



Source: CDC. The above map represents FY2018 grants to state, territorial, local and tribal education and state health agencies

Recommendation: TFAH urges the Committee to provide \$50 million increase in FY20 to expand the work of DASH in promoting health and well-being of adolescents through schools. Currently DASH programs reach approximately 2 million of the 26 million middle and high school students. This funding would allow DASH to expand their work to more schools and equip more children and adolescents with protective factors that will enable them to become healthy adults.