House Select Committee on School Safety - Student Health Working Group
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You will hear

- What school counselors do
- Why school counselors are important
- What do school counselors need
The Role of the School Counselor

- Front lines of mental health issues in schools
- Master’s Level Trained at a minimum (60 hours) / Licensed by DPI
- Comprehensive School Counseling Program (CSCP) - developmentally appropriate / preventative in nature
- NC Guidance Essential Standards / ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors
- Socio-Emotional, Cognitive (Academic), & Career/College Readiness
Why do we Need School Counselors?

- Front lines of mental health issues in schools
- Constant presence in majority of schools (ratio) Currently 1:386 in NC
- Responsible for all students
- Unique position to spot issues before they become issues (prevention)
What do School Counselors Need?

- Thank you for Duties of School Counselors G.S. 115C-316.1
- At least one mandated full time certified school counselor in every NC public and public charter school (would move us closer to recommended ratio of 1:250)