## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SHORTAGE REPORT BEYOND THE RATIO

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGSTS

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE TRAINED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES IN SCHOOLS

Academic & Behavioral Support



Practices to Promote Learning of All



Mental Health Interventions



Assessment & Evaluation



Crisis Prevention & Response



Consultation & Collaboration



NASP Recommended Ratio 1:500



Kansas Average Ratio 1:1,069



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## **Shortages Result In**

- Inability to focus on preventative services
- Limited ability to provide early interventions
- Overemphasis on special education compliance
- Lower job satisfaction and retention
- Unmanaged caseloads

## ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN KANSAS



Provide monetary incentives to promote local funding to recruit, hire, and retain school psychologists in high need and hard to staff districts



Enact the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists to support credentialing reciprocity nationally



Restrict alternate or emergency credentialing that allows related professionals to supplant school psychologists



Support legislation aimed at adequately funding general and special education and the provision of comprehensive school psychological services

For more information on the national shortage of school psychologists please visit the NASP website www.nasponline.org



For the full 2024 Report on the Shortages of School Psychologists in Kansas, please visit the KASP website