

Spotlight on Overdose Responses in Schools

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RCW 28A.210.390

- Requires school districts with two thousand students or more to obtain and maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication (naloxone, Narcan) doses in each of its high schools.
- A statewide standing order is available from the State Health officer.
[Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution | Washington State Department of Health](#)
- OSPI provides [Opioid-Related Overdose Policy Guidelines & Training in the School Setting](#)



Data Collection - Background



School nurses are asked to report the number of emergency medications administered during the school year.



Naloxone (Narcan) was added to the question in 2021



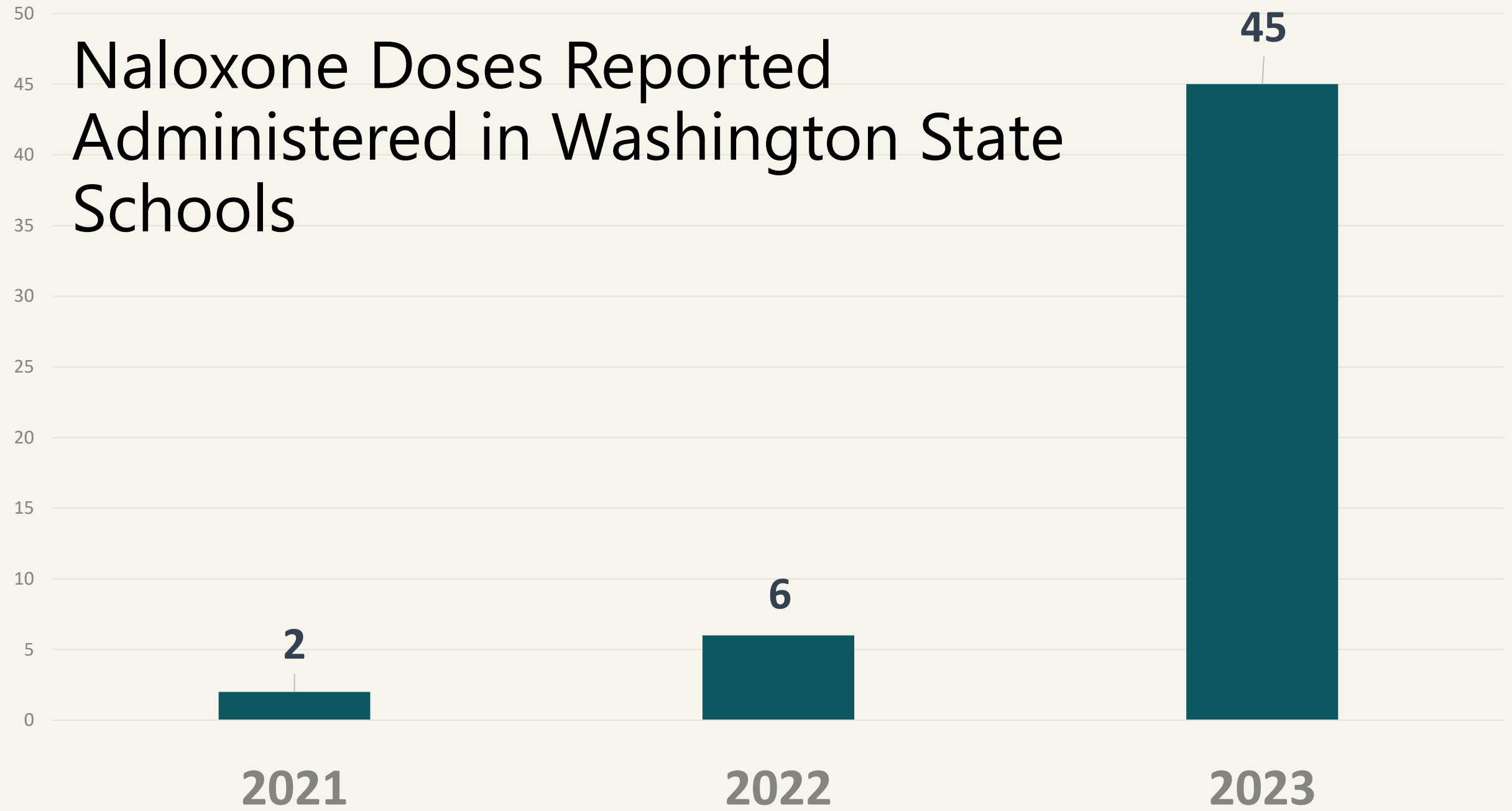
Reporting is mandatory for all rural, class II districts that receive school nurse staffing support from the school Nurse Corps.



All other public districts are invited to voluntarily participate in data collection.



Naloxone Doses Reported Administered in Washington State Schools



School Nurse Comments

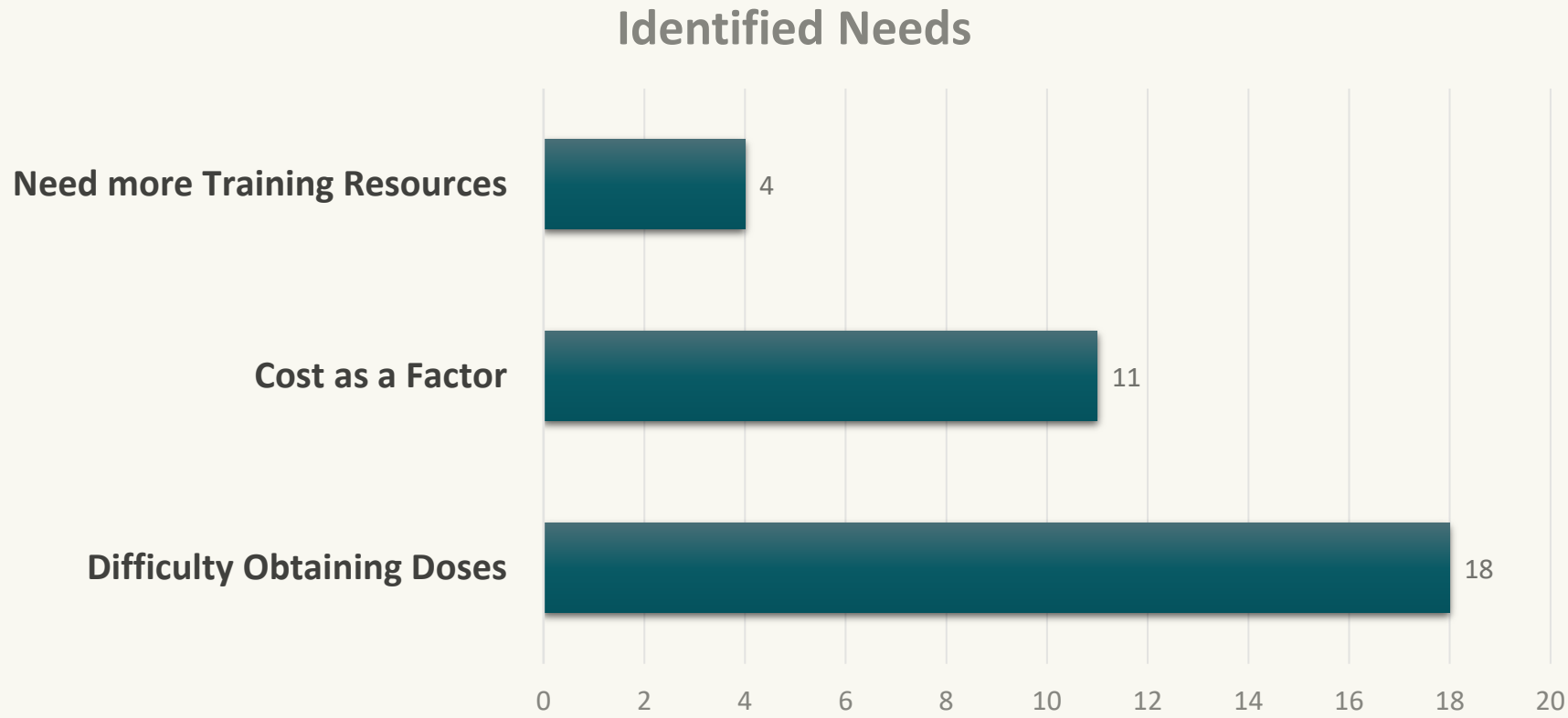


- Many of the nurses expressed gratitude for the standing order and resources available and indicated that having naloxone available gives them peace of mind.
- Fifteen districts are in the process of creating an opioid overdose reversal medication program and stocking naloxone in the near future.
- Five districts indicated their administration is not interested or willing to stock opioid overdose reversal medication.

“We were able to save a life by having Narcan on hand!”



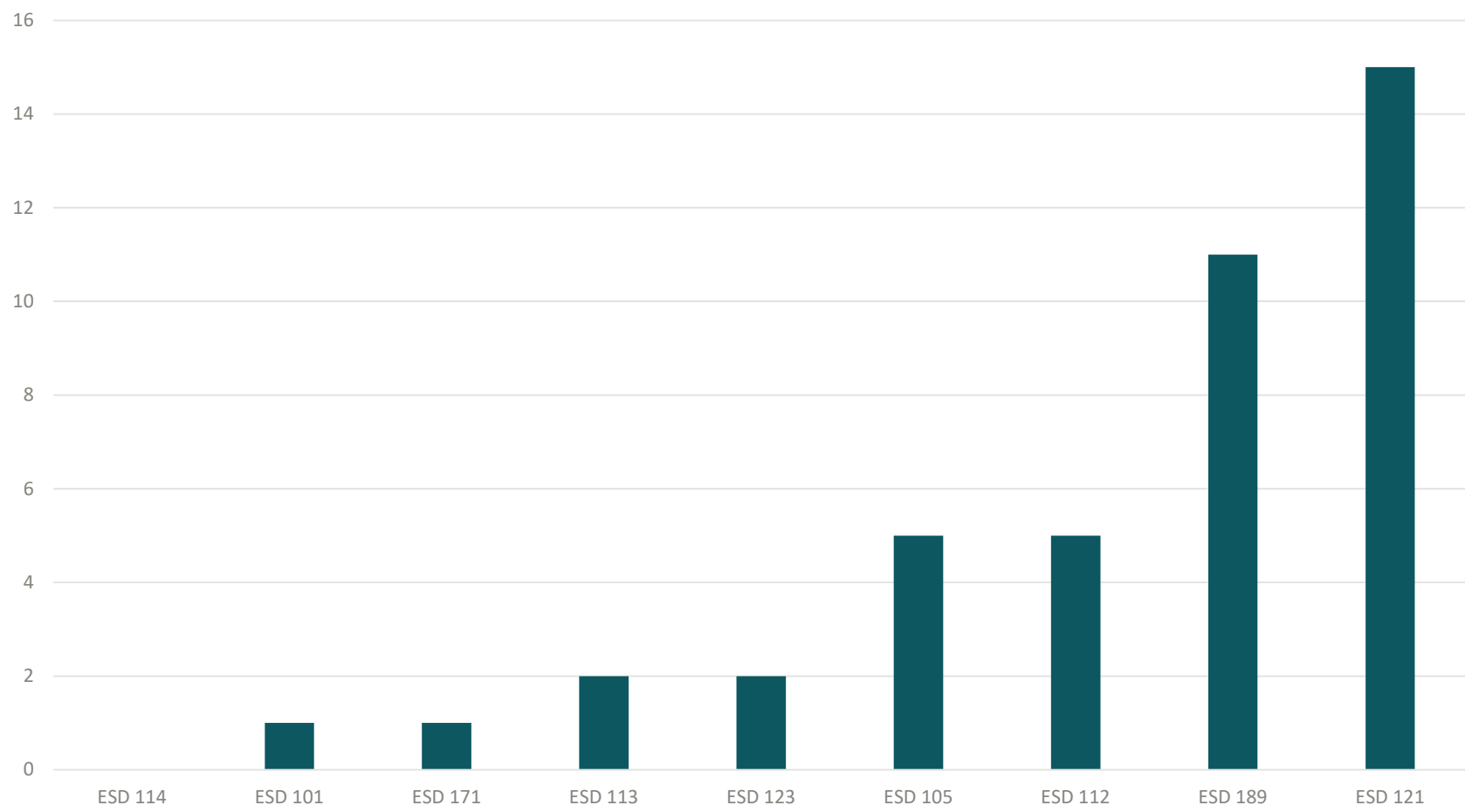
Survey Comments: Identified Needs



“The cost to restock may not be sustainable for the school district.”

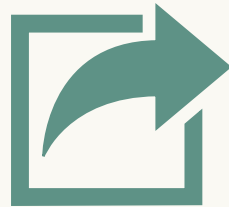


Naloxone Doses Reported Administered by ESD Region



What next?

- **Department of Health Plans to distribute 2 kits to every high school in the state in coming months.**
- **Need more supports for school districts in obtaining naloxone for stock and after use**
- **Governor Inslee has announced plans for legislation regarding student education regarding fentanyl**
- **SB 5804 filed – it would require naloxone in every high school**



Resources



- <https://fentanylfacts.org/>
- Stopoverdose.org
- [Home | For Native Lives](#)
- [Friends For Life - Prevent Overdose \(wafriendsforlife.com\)](http://wafriendsforlife.com)
- [Talk Even If | Protecting King County From Overdose](#)

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