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As we finish 2009 and plan for 2010, we would greatly benefit if you could take just a few minutes to provide (1) any information on the Center’s impact and (2) thoughts about the most important thing we should do in the coming year.* Your input is very important to us.

(1) IMPACT: What have you noted as the impact of the Center’s work?

(2) THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE SHOULD DO IN THE COMING YEAR

*Just to remind you, the Center for Mental Health in Schools at UCLA is a policy and practice analysis center. As part of this work, we provide a wide range of resources and supports to the field (e.g., resource aids for policy makers, practitioners, researchers, and professional educators; a world class website which contains all that we have developed and is also designed as a major gateway to other resources; technical assistance; weekly community of practice listserv for school practitioners; monthly ENEWS; a quarterly newsletter/journal; timely listserv announcements about opportunities to advance the work, etc.).

In all that we do, we embed a full range of concerns about mental health in schools under a unifying approach to addressing barriers to learning and teaching and re-engaging disconnected students. A special focus is on promoting development of a comprehensive system of student and learning that weaves together school and community resources to ensure all children and youth have an equal opportunity to succeed at school.