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The GCH United Cities Model School 10,000 Cities Project

The European Commission and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) presented "groundbreaking mapping research" at the World Urban Forum 10 concluding that there are now 10,000 cities in the world with populations of 50,000 or more citizens. Aligned with this current global mapping, the Foundation for Global Community Health (GCH), United Cities, and Women of Diplomacy are connecting and empowering 10,000 global primary schools through a single GCH United Cities Model School Network (GCHMS). The GCHMS will deliver a peer-reviewed, comprehensive, evidence-based platform utilizing student created activity, art, sport skills, and culture content from professional organizations to include nutritional habits, social and emotional skills, health services, and environmental education already shown to improve the overall well-being of students and their schools, families and communities. The platform's unique ability to provide each location with local content solutions curated across a global network creates an opportunity for combining the Centers for Disease Control (CDC's) School Health Index with United Cities local focused SDG Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and data platform powered by a MyCity Index. The school-driven GCHMS platform, with the guidance of mentors from local Universities, will be capable of collecting, creating, and sharing student well-being solutions to be shared with After-School Community Centers and Senior Centers. By incentivizing and including all community stakeholders on a platform directed by students with local solutions unique to each community, citizens' self-efficacy, leadership and contributions can be accelerated; thus inspiring all of us to help and respect others which is foundational for the success of all future United Cities.