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Study of School Violence Finds Barriers to Mental Health Care

Students labeled “threats to school safety” face major barriers to mental health care, according to a study by Harvard Medical School assistant professor of psychiatry **Nancy Rappaport** and colleagues at Cambridge Health Alliance. The study highlights the complex needs of students with untreated or under-treated psychiatric conditions and the importance of coordinated mental health and special education services. Researchers also found a careful reentry plan for a suspended student is critical, as this is a time when another occurrence of aggression is possible.

Weight Gain May Increase Risk of Postmenopausal Breast Cancer

In the largest study to date examining the effects of postmenopausal weight change, researchers from Brigham and Women’s Hospital have confirmed that weight gain is an important risk factor for the development of postmenopausal breast cancer and have found that weight loss may reduce the risk of developing the disease. According to the study, whose lead author is HMS instructor **Heather Eliassen**, women who lost 22 pounds or more since menopause and were able to keep the weight off were nearly 60 percent less likely to develop breast cancer. Consumer information is available at [Breast Cancer](#).

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