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WELLNESS PLAN

This document, referred to as the "wellness plan" (the plan), is intended to implement policy FFA(LOCAL), which has been adopted by the Board, to comply with the requirements for a school wellness policy. [Section 9A(a) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA), 42 U.S.C. 1758b]

STRATEGIES TO SOLICIT INVOLVEMENT

Federal law requires that certain stakeholders be involved in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy. The District has chosen to use the local school health advisory council (SHAC) to work on behalf of the District to review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques in order to develop and implement nutrition guidelines and wellness goals as required by federal law. The SHAC will permit the following persons to work with the SHAC on the District's wellness policy and plan: parents, students, the District's food service provider, physical education teachers, school health professionals, Board members, administrators, and members of the public. The SHAC will solicit involvement and input of these other interested persons by:

- Posting on the District's website the dates and times of SHAC meetings at which the wellness policy and plan are scheduled to be discussed.
- Listing in the student handbook the name and position of the
 person responsible for oversight of the District's wellness policy and plan along with an invitation to contact that person if
 the reader is interested in participating in the development,
 implementation, and evaluation of the wellness policy and
 plan.

IMPLEMENTATION

Each campus principal is responsible for the implementation of FFA(LOCAL) and this wellness plan at his or her campus, including the submission of necessary information to the SHAC for evaluation.

The SHAC Wellness Sub Committee is the District official responsible for the overall implementation of FFA(LOCAL), including the development of this wellness plan and any other appropriate administrative procedures, and ensuring that each campus complies with the policy and plan.

EVALUATION

In accordance with law, the District will periodically measure and make available to the public an assessment of the implementation of the District's wellness policy, the extent to which each campus is compliant with the wellness policy, a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy, and the extent to which the wellness policy compares with any state- or federally designated model wellness policies. Absent federal regulations to

the contrary, the District commits to the evaluation activities described below.

At least annually, the SHAC will prepare a report on the wellness policy and this plan by gathering information from each principal and appropriate District administrators. The SHAC will assess the District's and each campus's progress toward meeting the goals of the policy and plan by reviewing District- and campus-level activities and events tied to the wellness program.

The SHAC may use any of the following tools for that analysis:

- Relevant portions of the WellSAT 2.0 (www.wellsat.org)
- Relevant portions of the Center for Disease Control's School Health Index (http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/shi/index.htm)
- A District-developed self-assessment

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

To comply with the legal requirement to inform and update the public about the content and implementation of the local wellness policy, the District will create a wellness page on its website to document information and activity related to the school wellness policy, including:

- A copy of the wellness policy [FFA(LOCAL)];
- 2. A copy of this wellness plan, with dated revisions;
- 3. Notice of any Board revisions to policy FFA(LOCAL);
- Notice of any SHAC meeting at which the wellness policy or corresponding documents are scheduled to be discussed;
- 5. The SHAC's annual report on the District's wellness policy and plan; and
- 6. Any other relevant information.

The District will also publish the above information in appropriate District or campus publications.

RECORDS RETENTION

Records regarding the District's wellness policy will be retained in accordance with law and the District's records management program. Questions may be directed to the Executive Director of Finance, the District's designated records management officer.

GUIDELINES AND GOALS

The following provisions describe the District's nutrition guidelines and activities and objectives chosen by the SHAC to implement the Board-adopted wellness goals in policy FFA(LOCAL).

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NUTRITION GUIDELINES

All District campuses participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Federal law requires that the District establish nutrition guidelines for foods made available on each campus that are consistent with the federal standards and that promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

The District's nutrition guidelines are to ensure all foods and beverages sold, otherwise made available, or marketed to students during the school day adhere to all federal regulations and guidance and are designed to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

FOODS SOLD

The District will comply with federal requirements for reimbursable meals. For other foods and beverages sold to students during the school day, the District will comply with the federal requirements for competitive foods. Competitive foods and beverages are not part of the regular meal programs and occur through sales such as a la carte options or vending machines. For purposes of this plan, these requirements will be referred to as "Smart Snacks" standards or requirements. The following websites have information regarding meal and Smart Snacks requirements:

- http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards-school-meals/nutrition-standards-school-meals
- http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools-focusing-smart-snacks
- http://www.squaremeals.org/Publications/Handbooks.aspx

EXCEPTION— FUNDRAISERS

State rules adopted by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) allow an exemption to the Smart Snacks requirements for up to six days per year per campus when a food or beverage is sold as part of a District fundraiser. [See CO(LEGAL)]

FOODS MADE AVAILABLE

There are currently no federal requirements for foods or beverages made available to students during the school day. The District will comply with state law, which allows a parent or grandparent to provide a food product of his or her choice to classmates of the person's child or grandchild on the occasion of the student's birthday or to children at a school-designated function. [See CO(LEGAL)]

In addition, the District has established the following local guidelines on foods and beverages made available to students during the school day: Any foods and beverages given away or otherwise made available to students must meet the Smart Snacks standards, with the exception of celebration's that may occur on campuses up to four days each school year. These celebrations must occur after lunch and must be approved by the principal.

MEASURING COMPLIANCE

The District will measure compliance with the nutrition guidelines by reviewing meal reimbursement submissions from the child nutrition department to the TDA, reviewing foods and beverages that are sold in competition with the regular school meals, reviewing items sold as part of approved District fundraisers, and monitoring the types of foods and beverages made available to students during the school day.

NUTRITION PROMOTION

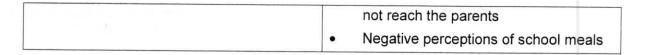
Federal law requires that the District establish goals for nutrition promotion in its wellness policy. The District's nutrition promotion activities will encourage participation in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and any supplemental food and nutrition programs offered by the District.

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) for nutrition promotion.

GOAL: The District's food service staff, teachers, and other District personnel shall consistently promote healthy nutrition messages in cafeterias, classrooms, and other appropriate settings.

Objective 1: The District will maintain participation in the federal child nutrition program.

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Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Distribute flier regarding school food programs within first two weeks of the school year; send a follow-up letter within first two weeks of second semester.	Baseline or benchmark data points: Participation rates in federal child nutrition programs at beginning, middle, and end of school year
	Resources needed:
	 Development of Nutrition Newsletter Information
	 Personnel to distribute Nutrition News- letters
	Obstacles:
	Fliers and Newsletters sometimes do



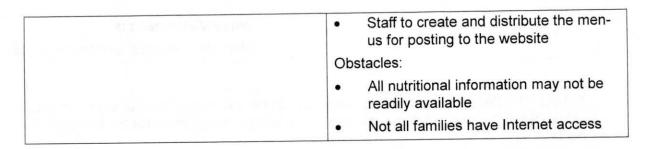
GOAL: The District shall share educational nutrition information with families and the general public to promote healthy nutrition choices and positively influence the health of students.

Objective 1: The District will research opportunities to offer supplemental food and nutrition programs and will regularly inform families and the community regarding any programs offered by the District.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Research food access programs available in the community with which the District could partner (food pantry programs supported by a local area food bank, backpack programs, summer meal programs, etc.).	Number of supplemental programs the District currently offers or promotes The types of food access programs identified and ways the information was communicated to families and the community.
	Resources needed:
	Partnerships with community organiza- tions
	Literature to send to fami- lies/community
	Obstacles:
	Limited resources/organizations

Objective 2: Consistently post in an easily accessible location the District's or each campus's website the monthly school breakfast and lunch menus, along with the nutritional information of each meal.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Work with the District and campus child nutrition managers to develop menus that are in compliance with this objective and are designed at least one month in advance.	Baseline or benchmark data points: The manner in which the menus and nutrition information are communicated to parents currently The number of times the menus were
	viewed during the school year Resources needed: • Website location along with metrics to tabulate number of views



GOAL: The District shall ensure that food and beverage advertisements accessible to students during the school day depict only products that meet the federal guidelines for meals and competitive foods.

Objective 1: One-hundred percent of the exterior displays on vending machines available for student use during the school day will be Smart Snacks compliant.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Assign a District administrator to communi-	Baseline or benchmark data points:
cate this expectation to all campus principals.	 As reported by campus principals, the percent of vending machines with exte- rior advertisement that are not Smart
Identify vending machines that require adjustments to exterior displays.	Snacks compliant at the beginning and end of the school year
	Resources needed:
Work with vendors to provide alternative exterior displays.	 Alternative exterior displays
	Obstacles:
Document whether the 100 percent objective was met.	 Identifying vending machines that are only used outside of the school day and whether any advisements are ac- cessible to students during the day
	 Existing contractual provisions in vendor contracts

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Federal law requires that the District establish goals for nutrition education in its wellness policy. State law also requires that the District implement a coordinated health program with a nutrition services and health education component at the elementary and middle school levels. [See EHAA]

The District will implement the nutrition services and health education component through instruction of the essential knowledge and skills related to nutrition and health and the SPARK program a program approved by the Texas Education Agency, in the District's physical education, health education, and science courses.

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) for nutrition education.

GOAL: The District shall deliver nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.

Objective 1: At least 70 percent of high school students in each four-year cohort will complete one-half credit of health education as an elective.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Inform high school counselors that heath education should be considered a default elective in the development of four-year graduation plans for most students.	Baseline or benchmark data points:
	Percentage of each four-year cohort who successfully complete health as an elective
	Resources needed:
	Certified staff to teach the course
	Four-year plans to accommodate health as an elective
	Obstacles:
	Students may not have room in their schedules for health as an elective

Objective 2: At least 90 percent of students enrolled in physical education courses throughout the District will achieve at least a semester grade average of 80 on a scale of 100.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Create a formula and action plan to obtain the semester grade averages of students enrolled in physical education.	Baseline or benchmark data points:
	 Average semester grades at the end of the first and second semesters for all District students enrolled in physical education
	Resources needed:
	 Support from central administration to obtain grade averages
	Obstacles:
	 Nutrition education is only a part of the essential knowledge and skills for physical education courses

GOAL: The District shall make nutrition education a District-wide priority and shall integrate nutrition education into other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.

Objective 1: District staff will promote and integrate nutrition education facts during at least five District-sponsored events in a school year.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Identify appropriate events at which nutrition	Baseline or benchmark data points:
education could be promoted.	 The number of events during the school year at which nutrition educa- tion was either communicated or dis- tributed
	Resources needed:
	 A flier to distribute to event attendees
	Sample mini-lessons for staff to teach at an event
	Obstacles:
	The SHAC may not be aware of all District-sponsored events

Objective 2: One-hundred percent of students will have access to drinking water at all times during the school day.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Include in enrollment and registration materials that students are permitted to carry personally owned water bottles at all times.	Baseline or benchmark data points: Documentation from the school nutrition department that water was available during meal periods, as required by federal standards, and that students were informed of water bottle policy
	Resources needed: Easily accessible water fountains
	Water bottles for students who do not have their own
	Guidance/signs on any locations where water bottles may not be permitted
	Obstacles: For students who do not have water containers, teachers will need to devel-

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op procedures regarding when a student would be permitted to get water from a fountain

GOAL: The District shall provide professional development so that teachers and other staff responsible for the nutrition education program are adequately prepared to effectively deliver the program.

Objective 1: The District SHAC Wellness Subcommittee will determine appropriate annual professional development for staff responsible for nutrition education.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
At the SHAC Wellness Subcommittee meeting during the school year, each member must determine the staff involved in the nutrition education program and the appropriate professional development opportunities for those staff to attend.	Minutes of the SHAC committee meeting to determine compliance with the objective Resources needed: Approved release-time for staff who need to attend professional development, if necessary
	Obstacles:
	 Nutrition education is one piece of a full array of required professional de- velopment

Objective 2: All child nutrition job descriptions will be updated to require at least the minimum qualifications as required by federal law.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Request Human Resources and Child Nutrition District Manager to review and update current job descriptions for child nutrition positions.	Baseline or benchmark data points: The number of job descriptions that were revised during the school year
	Resources needed:
	 The current minimum qualifications of child nutrition staff
	Obstacles:
	Sharing of job descriptions

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The District will implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity com-

ponents and will offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades. [See BDF, EHAA, EHAB, and EHAC]

The District will meet the required physical activity in elementary school grades by providing at least 30 minutes per day of recess, weather permitting.

At the middle school level, the District will require students, unless exempted because of illness or disability, to be enrolled in physical education or athletics courses for at least four out of the six semesters in grades six, seven, and eight.

Federal law requires that the District establish goals for physical activity in its wellness policy.

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goals for physical activity.

GOAL: The District shall provide an environment that fosters safe, enjoyable, and developmentally appropriate fitness activities for all students, including those who are not participating in physical education classes or competitive sports.

Objective 1: Consistently employ crossing guards at 100 percent of the Districtidentified areas where students can be encouraged to safely walk or bike to school.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Identify the number of crossing guards currently employed by the District and the locations at which they are stationed. Evaluate where additional crossing guards are needed. Make recommendations to hire additional crossing guards. Objective 2: At least 60 percent of campus bicycles and helmets to encourage biking	Baseline or benchmark data points: The locations and number of crossing guards employed compared to the previous school year Survey results showing whether the number of students walking or biking to school increased from the previous year Resources needed: Job descriptions / Approval to hire needed positions Obstacles: Response rate of job postings ses will have secure storage facilities for to school.
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Determine campuses that do not have such access and storage. Install necessary bike	Baseline or benchmark data points: The number of campuses meeting

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racks and helmet storage facilities.	this objective compared to the pre- vious school year
	Resources needed:
	Equipment and products that allow for secure storage
	Obstacles:
	May result in a substantial cost or fa- cility renovations, which would trigger
	additional steps for approval

GOAL: The District shall provide appropriate staff development and encourage teachers to integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.

Objective 1: After receiving appropriate staff development, at least 60 percent of District teachers who respond to a survey will report that physical activity breaks were regularly incorporated into their lessons.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Determine appropriate in-service days in which teachers will receive staff development related to the importance of physical activity breaks.	Baseline or benchmark data points: Percentage of teachers who report integrating physical activity breaks on a regular basis compared to the previous school year
	Resources needed: Creation and dissemination of a survey to District teachers
	Time for training during in-service days
	Obstacles:
	Validity of self-reports

GOAL: The District shall make appropriate before-school and after-school physical activity programs available and shall encourage students to participate.

Objective 1: At least one campus will implement a before- or after-school physical activity program each year.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Identify any campuses currently offering such programs and have staff from those campuses share information at a District-	Baseline or benchmark data points: Number and type of programs offered compared to the previous school year
wide staff event.	Student participation rates in the pro- gram from year to year
Assign a campus administrator to implement the program	Resources needed:
	 Support from campus administrators and employees to provide supervision for these programs
	Educational materials to explain the program to students and parents
	Obstacles:
	Staffing

GOAL: The District shall make appropriate training and other activities available to District employees in order to promote enjoyable, life-long physical activity for District employees and students.

Objective 1: The District will offer a free or low-cost health assessment to employees at least once per year.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Seek out providers for this service on behalf of the District.	Baseline or benchmark data points: The number of employees who particular
Contract with an entity to provide the service.	pated compared to the previous school year
	Resources needed:
	 District publications and correspondence to advertise the service
	Obstacles:
	 Participation rates may be minimal if

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cation rather than at the worksite of an employee

GOAL: The District shall encourage parents to support their children's participation, to be active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

Objective 1: Each campus will offer at least one event annually either during or outside of normal school hours that involves physical activity and includes both parents and students in the event.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Develop a list of ideas to submit to campus administrators to meet this objective. Assign a campus administrator to organize the event.	Baseline or benchmark data points: Self-reports of campus administrators about the events
	Participation rates from year to year Resources needed:
	Dissemination of a list to send to cam- pus administrators
	Timeline and mechanism for the self- report about the events
	Informational materials about the event to distribute to students and parents
	Obstacles: Staff time
	Participation rates may be low

GOAL: The District shall encourage students, parents, staff, and community members to use the District's recreational facilities, such as playgrounds, and the like, that are available for use outside of the school day.

Objective 1: Inform the community of the facilities that are available for use outside of the school day by including a statement in at least one District or campus publication, by posting information on the District or campus website, or through the use of appropriate signs.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Create sample wording to be used in a publication or on a website. Create wording for	Baseline or benchmark data points: Documentation of publications, website

a sign that could be posted at certain facilities.	postings, and signs verifying that the information was communicated
Evaluate appropriate lighting for evening use of facilities.	Resources needed: A list of the types and locations of facilities that are available for use in the District
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SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES

Federal law requires that the District establish goals for other school-based activities in its wellness policy to promote student wellness.

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) as part of its student wellness policy to create an environment conducive to healthful eating and physical activity and to promote and express a consistent wellness message.

GOAL: The District shall allow sufficient time for students to eat meals in cafeteria facilities that are clean, safe, and comfortable.

Objective 1: All campuses will build their master schedules to allow for at least ten minutes to eat breakfast and 20 minutes to eat lunch, from the time a student receives his or her meal and is seated.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Evaluate current meal time allowances by campus.	Baseline or benchmark data points: The number of campuses that currently
Work with campus administrators to adjust master schedules as necessary.	meet the standard compared to the previous school year
	Resources needed:
	 Average time it takes for students to receive a meal and be seated
	Obstacles:
	 Master schedules take into account several issues, only one of which will be meal times

GOAL: The District shall promote wellness for students and their families at suitable District and campus activities.

Objective 1: At each athletic event sponsored by the District at which food and beverages are sold, each concession vendor will offer at least one food and beverage that meets the Smart Snacks standards.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Communicate this objective with appropriate organizations and booster clubs responsible for concession sales in the District. Require concession vendors to provide a list of their concession items in advance of events.	Baseline or benchmark data points: Self-reports by administration whether this standard was met consistently during the year on the campus Resources needed: A list of Smart Snacks compliant foods and beverages to distribute to organizations and booster clubs that are responsible for concession sales Obstacles: Difficult to actively and accurately
	measure
is Smart Snacks compliant.	ebrations will include at least one item that
Objective 2: All classroom or campus cele is Smart Snacks compliant. Action Steps	ebrations will include at least one item that Methods for Measuring Implementation
is Smart Snacks compliant.	

Resources needed:

Obstacles:

and beverages

Validity of self-reporting

A list of Smart Snacks compliant foods

GOAL: The District shall promote employee wellness activities and involvement at suitable District and campus activities.

Objective 1: The District will utilize its health insurance provider to encourage wellness by communicating the preventive services covered at 100 percent during each open enrollment period.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Work with the District's health insurance provider to determine what services are covered at 100 percent.	Baseline or benchmark data points: Documentation of when and how information was shared with employees.
Develop materials and identify methods to share information about services with employees.	General reports from health insurance provider showing use of services
	Resources needed: • A list of preventive services covered at 100 percent
	Obstacles: Coverage is subject to change
	 Participation rates of those who are willing to self-report may be low