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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:

- 1. Posting on District website.
- 2. Presenting at various District stakeholder events.

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 District Superintendent or his/her designee(s) is the District official responsible for the overall implementation of FFA(LOCAL), including the development of this wellness plan and any other

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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:

- Fitnessgram Data
- Student Nutrition Services Administrative Reviews
- Employee Wellness Program Health Improvement Plan
- Annual Health Services Report
- Annual TEA School Health Survey
- Professional Development Attendance

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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:

- 1. A copy of the wellness policy [FFA(LOCAL)];
- 1. A copy of this wellness plan, with dated revisions;
- Notice of any Board revisions to policy FFA(LOCAL); 2.
- 3. Notice of any SHAC meeting at which the wellness policy or corresponding documents are scheduled to be discussed;
- 4. The SHAC's triennial assessment: and
- 5. 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 Student Services, 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), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the Supper Program. 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.

Under the terms of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Supper Program agreements the District agrees to serve a lunch, breakfast and/or supper that meets meal requirements including:

- Provide free and reduced-price meals to eligible children for NSLP and SBP and provide free meals to eligible children for SFSP and Supper Programs;
- 2. Maintain proper sanitation and health standards in conformity with all applicable state and local laws; and
- 3. Comply with recordkeeping requirements and other terms as outlined in the agreement.

Meals served under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program and Supper Program are the official meals of the District. The programs will be available to students every day that school is in session and outside parties

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may not provide these meals. Menu and a la carte items are determined by the Student Nutrition Services Department. In the event that an alternate non reimbursable meal is made available to students in lieu of the planned meal provided by the Student Nutrition Services Department, the responsible party will be charged for the loss in reimbursement.

The expressed purpose of federal assistance is to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children. Meals served to adults are not authorized to be subsidized by federal funds. Use of donated food, assistance, children's payments, and other nondesignated nonprofit food service revenues cannot subsidize meals served to adults, including adults eating portions of a student's meal.

Breakfasts and lunches served to teachers, administrators. custodians, and other adults must be priced, so that the adult payment in combination with any other revenues (i.e., school subsidizing as a fringe benefit) is sufficient to cover the overall cost of the meal, including the value of USDA entitlement and bonus donated foods used to prepare the meal

Upon the principal's request, with approval of Student Nutrition Services Department and the District Superintendent, principals may request meal service for special school events that may involve meal periods. Upon approval, the school will work with Student Nutrition Services Department to ensure all meals meet the requirements of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program and will be served by Student Nutrition Services.

All food and beverages served and consumed on school or schoolrelated premises will be in accordance with Health Code regulations and federal regulations and will be audited by Student Nutrition Services Department.

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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. No food items except approved vending items in high schools may be sold to students during breakfast or lunch meal periods except by Student Nutrition Services. 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:

- <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards-school-meals</u>
- <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools-focusing-smart-snacks</u>
- 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 at no cost 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)]

MEASURING COMPLIANCE

The District will measure compliance with the nutrition guideline	s
by reviewing meal reimbursement submissions from the child	
nutrition department to the TDA, reviewing foods and beverages	3
that are sold in competition with the regular school meals,	
reviewing items sold as part of approved District fundraisers, and	d
monitoring the types of foods and beverages made available to	
students during the school day.	

FUNDRAISERS

Texas public, charter, and private schools that participate in NSLP or SBP may sell food and/or beverages as part of a fundraiser that does not meet the Competitive Food Nutrition Standards during the school day for up to six (6) days per school year on each school campus. Food and/or beverages sold during an exempt fundraiser must not be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the school meal service.

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 goals for nutrition promotion.

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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: Healthy eating promotion activities will include marketing materials, food service line placement and incentives to encourage healthy food selection in school cafeterias.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Quarterly Promotions for Healthy Foods in cafeterias 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Provide sample of marketing materials Nutrition Promotion Plan
Objective 2: Provide staff with healthy nutrition messages and resources for promoting healthy nutrition messages at least quarterly throughout the year	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
	Baseline or benchmark data points:

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Include healthy nutrition messages Determine current nutrition education • • in Employee Wellness Program messages and resources being newsletters as appropriate provided Provide information to staff on • Determine what and when nutrition nutrition messages and observances observances will be promoted by promoted by community health community health organizations organizations such as the American • Determine what type of educational Heart Association. American resources are available to utilize Diabetes Association, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and others • Document and keep record of nutrition messages, resources, educational as appropriate sessions, and challenges Offer Employee Wellness • educational sessions and health provided/offered challenges that focus on nutrition Resources needed: and promote health eating • Time messages. Funding Utilize Wellness Champions and • • Campus Wellness Teams to Wellness Champions and Campus • promote messaging Wellness Teams Obstacles: • Disseminating information to all staff Language barriers • • Staff schedules may limit ability to participate in educational sessions or health challenges

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

Objective 1: Provide nutritional information on selected foods or topics to promote healthy eating habits.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Adoption of marketing program to focus on benefits of certain foods. Promote district nutrition initiatives through various forms of media. Provide nutritional materials at District-wide events. Establish a Menu Advisory Committee (MAC). 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Develop marketing plan for each school year. Determine topics important to all stakeholders. Annual participation comparison. Resources needed: Marketing materials. Stakeholder engagement. Obstacles: Committee involvement subject to stakeholders busy after-school schedules.
Objective 2: Implement the SHAC adopted CATCH Coordinated School Health program in all Sulphur Springs ISD elementary and middle schools.	

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Adoption of the CATCH Coordinated School Health program. Curriculum is being written so that each component of CSH is taught each 	Baseline or benchmark data points: Adoption of CATCH as Sulphur Springs ISD Coordinated School Health Program.

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six weeks.	(SHAC approved this CSH vendor in the Spring of 2024)
	 Purchase of CATCH Coordinator Manuals
	Resources needed:
	CATCH resources added each year
	Obstacles:
	• Funding
Objective 3: Offer nutrition education available to employees at least once per year and more often as time allows	

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Include healthy nutrition messages in Employee Wellness Program newsletters, as appropriate Provide information to staff on nutrition messages and observances promoted by community health organizations such as the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and others as appropriate Offer Employee Wellness educational sessions and health 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Staff interest in nutrition education Type of nutrition education available Document and keep record of nutrition educational sessions, challenges, and programs provided/offered Resources needed: Speakers Locations Wellness Champions and Campus Wellness Teams Obstacles:

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 challenges that focus on nutrition and promote health eating messages. Utilize Wellness Champions and Campus Wellness Teams to promote messaging 	 Disseminating information to all staff Language barriers Staff schedules may limit ability to participate in educational sessions or health challenges
Objective 4: Offer nutrition education to the general public at community events throughout the year as appropriate	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Coordinate with the District's communities and local community organizations to promote nutrition education to the public at appropriate events and through community initiatives 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Determine community events and initiatives Document events we participate in and nutrition education that is offered Resources needed: Locations Community resources Obstacles: Funding Language barriers Community resources

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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: Student Nutrition Services will work with approved vendors to promote products that meet federal guidelines.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Contact vendors and arrange printing for menus. Conduct menu promotions at least monthly with various SNS vendors 	Baseline or benchmark data points:Completed menusPromotional material

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]

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

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

Objective 1: Offer nutrition education available to employees at least quarterly and more often as appropriate

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Include healthy nutrition messages in Employee Wellness Program newsletters, as appropriate Provide information to staff on nutrition messages and observances promoted by community health organizations such as the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and others as appropriate Offer Employee Wellness educational sessions and health challenges that focus on nutrition and promote health eating messages. Assess the work environment for ability to make positive, healthy nutrition changes in food and beverages available to staff. Utilize Wellness Teams to promote messaging 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Determine current nutrition education messages and resources being provided Determine what and when nutrition observances will be promoted by community health organizations Determine what type of educational resources are available to utilize Document and keep record of nutrition messages, resources, educational sessions, and challenges provided/offered Document an environmental audit of the nutrition/food environment Resources needed: Time Funding Environmental Audit Wellness Champions and Campus Wellness Teams

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	Disseminating information to all staff
	Language barriers
	 Staff schedules may limit ability to participate in educational sessions or health challenges
	 Number of District locations to assess for environment
Objective 2: Elementary and middle school will include at least one nutrition compone	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
A nutrition component will be added	Methods for Measuring Implementation Baseline or benchmark data points:
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 A nutrition component will be added to the middle school and elementary 	Baseline or benchmark data points:Documentation of Health topic being
 A nutrition component will be added to the middle school and elementary 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Documentation of Health topic being taught in teacher gradebook.
 A nutrition component will be added to the middle school and elementary 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Documentation of Health topic being taught in teacher gradebook. Resources needed: Continued Curriculum Support and
 A nutrition component will be added to the middle school and elementary 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Documentation of Health topic being taught in teacher gradebook. Resources needed: Continued Curriculum Support and additional CATCH Resources.

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

Objective 1: The District shall implement the use of the SHAC approved CATCH Coordinated School Health Curriculum. Each six weeks of the curriculum will contain at least one nutrition component.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Implementation of the CATCH Coordinated School Health program, special focus will be given to the area of nutrition. The district has purchased the coordinator manuals for each campus. 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Coordinated School Health Calendar from each campus Resources needed: Continued funding of Curriculum Obstacles: Lack of Funding

Objective 2: The district will make available nutritional materials to support cafeteria promotions in the classroom and provide locations to research other nutrition related topics.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Educational Fact Sheets will be available on district website for teachers to use in classroom lessons. Maintain <i>Nutrition Information</i> page on the district website. 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Annual participation comparison. Resources needed: Marketing plan

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and others as appropriate

on such as Go Red, National

education initiative to focus attention

• Choose one major nutrition

Nutrition Month, or other

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 Nutrition education will be disseminated via alternate media platforms. 	 Educational materials Teacher involvement Obstacles: •
Objective 3: Offer at least one District-wid and more as appropriate	e nutrition education initiative each year
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Provide nutrition information to the District through nutrition messages and observances promoted by community health organizations such as the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and It's Time Texas, 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Determine what nutrition education initiatives would be best to promote District-wide Document initiatives the District participates in Resources needed: Time

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Obstacles:

Communication tools

in the District

Language barriers

Disseminating information to everyone

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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: Middle and elementary school physical education teachers will have opportunities to implement CATCH into their curriculums.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Include the introduction to the CATCH Coordinator Manual at August Professional Development. Physical Education teachers will be asked to provide the names of 4 individuals (PE Teacher, School Nurse, and two other individuals to serve as their Campus Wellness Team) 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Staff Development Date Recruiting/Coordinating of the Campus Wellness Teams Resources needed: Staff Development time allocated for CATCH training Obstacles: Funding Appropriate Staff Development time
Objective 2: Offer professional development to District employees on nutrition to adequately educate employees to communicate sound nutrition messages throughout the year as appropriate	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Review CATCH CSHP education materials to determine nutrition messages and education to be provided to staff. 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Nutrition education messages and information to provide

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 Determine ability to offer 	 Number of trainings offered
professional development-location & time availability	Staff knowledge of nutrition
 Determine staff that needs the 	Resources needed:
education	• Time
 Provide a variety of nutrition 	Location
education to all employees in the District to improve health and	Obstacles:
wellness	Location and staff availability

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The District will implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and will offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades. [See BDF, EHAA, EHAB, and EHAC]

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 goal(s) for physical activity.

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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: Campus master schedules will be checked each semester to insure that all TEA regulations concerning physical education are met by the school district.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 Elementary campus schedules are checked to ensure compliance with the TEA required 135 minutes. Exposure to a wide variety of recreation/leisure sports as well as traditional physical education is being written into the curriculum. Integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum is encouraged when appropriate. Enhance the quality of physical education curricula and provide training of physical education 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: The use of Brain Breaks in the academic classroom setting to integrate movement into all classes when appropriate. Calendar/record keeping of Lifetime sport equipment checkout such as bowling, tennis, cup stacking, and outdoor games. After school PLC meetings throughout the school year will support professional development. Opportunities to attend conferences equal to other subject areas. Coordinated School Health calendar will be compiled to show family involvement on all campuses. Resources needed: Continued funding for the updating of Curriculum and support of the adopted Coordinated School Health Program.

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

Objective 1: Professional development opportunities will be provided to classroom teachers on how to incorporate movement in their classroom environment.	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
	Baseline or benchmark data points:

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 Implementation of Brain Breaks into the classroom when appropriate. Physical education teachers from each campus will be available to faculty to assist with movement integrated into the classroom. 	 Go Noodle usage reports for each Elementary Campus Resources needed: Continued sponsorship from Children's Health for subscription to Go Noodle Plus.
	Obstacles:
	• Funding

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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: Include at least one physical activity at each District health EXPO, as appropriate

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Offer physical activity education	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Document events and physical activity information provided by District Resources needed: Physical activity information and activities from internal District departments or community groups
Objective 2: Campuses will be encouraged to host at least one event each school year that includes parent/family involvement.	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
• Prepare a Coordinated School Health Calendar each campus. On elementary campuses, teachers will be encouraged to hold family inclusive activity events such as Family Fitness/Jam the Gym/Fun Runs on their campuses.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Survey of current campus activities Resources needed: Assistance with the compilation of a district-level Coordinated School Health Calendar Obstacles: Time

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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: The District recommends that administrators schedule a minimum of thirty minutes for lunch.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
 All schools schedule thirty minute lunch periods. Elementary schools release only one class every five minutes per serving line. Middle and high schools schedule a minimum of three lunch periods. 	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Student Nutrition Services will maintain a database of meal periods and report to Administration in October of each school year.

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

Objective 1: Encourage all Garland ISD campuses to participate in at least on wellness event per calendar year.

Action Steps

Methods for Measuring Implementation

	Baseline or benchmark data points:
 Campuses will be asked to host/participate in at least one school/community event each academic year geared towards active family involvement. 	 Individual campus Coordinated School Health Calendar Resources needed: Professional Development Time with staff for development of CSH Calendar

Objective 2: Engage Health Services in District and Campus community events as appropriate that promotes healthy lifestyles.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
	Baseline or benchmark data points:
 Determine District/campus events appropriate for Health Services 	 Scheduled Community Event with documentation of promotion
 involvement Ensure Health Service staff has needed resources available to nertising to in grants 	 Documentation of activities/screenings offered and participation at the event
participate in events	Post event evaluation of outcomes
	Resources needed:
	Community Partners
	 School nurse involvement for event promotion and implementation
	 SSISD financial support for event venue, promotion, and screening costs
	Obstacles:
	Adequate funds
	Partner support