

## **WELLNESS POLICY**

The Board recognizes the importance of proper nutrition and developmentally appropriate physical activity as ways of promoting healthy lifestyles, minimizing childhood obesity, and preventing other diet-related chronic diseases. The Board also recognizes that health and student success are inter-related. It is, therefore, the goal of the Board that the entire learning environment be aligned to positively influence a student's understanding, beliefs, and habits as they relate to good nutrition and physical activity.

A District-wide wellness advisory committee will be established with the purpose of assessing the nutrition and physical activity environment throughout the district and making recommendations to the Board for a comprehensive wellness program. The committee will consist of representation from parents, students, the school's food service program, the School Board, administration, and the public, physical education teacher, health teacher. Program implementation will be monitored and progress evaluated, with an annual report to the Board.

As part of the program, students will be given opportunities to gain the knowledge, skills, behavior, and motivation needed to be physically active for life through daily activity offerings such as recess periods, physical education classes, walking programs, the integration of physical activity into the academic curriculum, and after-school programs including intramurals, interscholastic athletics, and physical activity clubs. The Board directs the building principals to encourage student physical activity on a daily basis.

All foods available on school grounds and at school-sponsored activities will meet or exceed the district's nutrition standards. In no circumstances will such offerings be less restrictive than the regulations and guidance issued by the US Secretary of Agriculture as applicable to schools. Foods should be served with consideration toward variety, appeal, taste, safety, and packaging to ensure that students will participate in consuming high quality meals. These nutrition guidelines apply to the school lunch and breakfast program, foods and beverages sold in vending machines, snack bars, school stores, concession stands, at parties/celebrations/meetings during the school day, and as part of fundraising activities.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop procedures to implement this policy based on the recommendations of the wellness advisory committee and in compliance with national and statewide nutritional guidelines for healthy living, as well as measure results and outcomes.

### **Legal References:**

*RSA 189:11-a, Food and Nutrition Programs*

*Section 204 of Public Law 108-265, Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 Ed 306.04(a)(20), Wellness*

*Ed 306.401, Health and Wellness Education Program*

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