

Strategic Planning for Health



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BACKGROUND



District has numerous health programs and initiatives – priorities mostly formed at department and school level.

Community foundations and other health funders looking for health priorities at the school district level in order to inform funding decisions.

Position was created and advisory group of funders was formed to develop a strategic plan for health.

LEADERSHIP



- **DPS Coordinator of School and Community Health Partnerships, position created by Superintendent and Division of Student Services**
- **The Denver School Health Advisory Council**
- **A group comprised of private health foundations and other contributors**

PROCESS



Developing DPS Health Agenda 2015 with objectives for student, employee and school health.

- 1. Started with overview of existing efforts in 8 areas of Coordinated School Health, including achievements, challenges and opportunities in each area.**

PROCESS



2. Gathered and presented quantitative Districtwide health data including Body Mass Index (BMI) measures, Youth Risk and Behavior Survey, student asthma prevalence, school wellness assessment scores, and aggregate employee health measures from health insurance carriers.

PROCESS



- 3. Determine process for community input including consideration of area meetings, focus groups, canvassing door-to-door, and surveys.**
- 4. Denver School Health Advisory Council to discuss variables in order to draft DPS Health Agenda for submission to Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer.**

PROCESS



- 5. Final DPS Health Agenda (after revisions/approval from Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer) will be published as part of District's strategic plan.**

- 6. Detailed action plan will be developed to advance the health agenda, including timeline, deliverables, persons responsible and budgetary implications.**

MESSAGING



DPS Health Agenda is part of the District's larger vision to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps by “providing coordinated and comprehensive systems of support for the whole child” (2009 Denver Plan, the current DPS strategic plan).

NEXT STEPS



Health advisory council will:

- discuss current needs according to health data**
- identify missing and desirable data**
- recommend how community input should be gathered and analyzed**
- develop DPS Health Agenda with priority health objectives for next 5 years**
- submit draft of DPS Health Agenda to Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer for final revisions and approval**
- develop action plan to advance the DPS Health Agenda**

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