The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multicultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.

The purpose of the Wellness Committee is to review and update our current wellness policy and make recommendations to the Board of Education on any changes to our policy or practices related to wellness.

Committee Members:

- Julie Blixen, Assistant Principal of Student Engagement, Urbana High School
- Traci Barkley, Sola Gratia Farm
- Bradley Benner, Physical Education Teacher, Thomas Paine
- Derrick Cooper, Principal, Urbana Middle School
- Jenny Daab, Community Based Health Center
- Lisa Kilawee, Community Based Health Center
- Melanie Ferchow, Assistant Principal, Yankee Ridge
- Linda Gibbens, Director of Grant-Based Programs
- Gennifer Gilbert, Parent
- Anne Hall, Board of Education
- Jenna Juday, Leal Elementary School Nurse
- Timothy Klein, District-wide Substitute Teacher
- Val Koress, Parent
- Jennifer Lotton, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
- Katie Madigan, Asst Principal of UECS & Elem Special Ed Facilitator
- Amy Marx, District Nurse
- Lara Orr, Board of Education
- Jamie Perry, Teaching Assistant, Urbana High School
- Caty Roland, Chief Financial Officer, Wellness Committee Chair
- Jonathan Schmidt, Arbor Food Service Director
- Sheena Segady, Farm 2 School Coordinator
- Others:
School Wellness Policy Background

- To combat the growing childhood obesity rates in the United States, the policy was originally adopted in 2006 to comply with the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act, which required schools to adopt a policy addressing nutrition education, physical activity, and promotion of healthy lifestyles.
- A more robust version of the policy was adopted in 2015 which specified the creation of the Wellness Committee and its roles and responsibilities. USD's Wellness Committee last convened in 2015.
- The current policy was revised in 2022 to include an Unused Food Sharing Plan.

Wellness Policy & Administrative Procedures

The District Wellness Committee, in collaboration with individual school's wellness committees, will establish and monitor goals and objectives for the District’s schools, specific and appropriate for each instructional unit, for each of the content-specific components listed in the policy.

- Students have access to healthy foods throughout the school day
- Students receive quality nutrition education
- Students have opportunities to be physically active before, during and after school
- Schools integrate other activities that promote student wellness
- District staff are encouraged to practice healthy nutrition and activity behaviors in and out of school
- Community is engaged to support students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits
- District manages the oversight implementation and monitoring of the policy and its goals

Discussion on Goals and Action Steps

- Interest in learning more about National School Lunch Program Meal Pattern Requirements
- Review results of Student Foodservice Survey
- Prepare annual presentation to Board of Education (draft of slides presentation for collaboration)

Food Service Updates

Committee Member Reports

Announcements

Next Meeting Dates:
- Board Meeting - Annual Presentation: May 2, 2023 6:30pm