## School Employee Wellness

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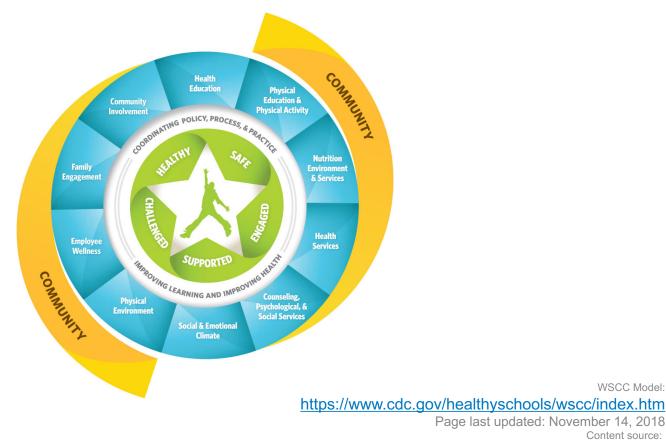


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## Importance of Employee Wellness as part of Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC)



A collaborative approach to learning and health



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WSCC Model:

Content source:

#### Why School Employee Wellness?

- Survey of nearly 5,000 educators
- Health and Well-Being
  - Respondents slept an average of 6.6 hours per night
  - 18% of respondents characterized their health as "fair" or "poor"



2017 Educator Quality of Work Life Survey, American Federation of Teachers and Badass Teachers Association: <u>https://www.aft.org/2017-educator-quality-life-survey</u>

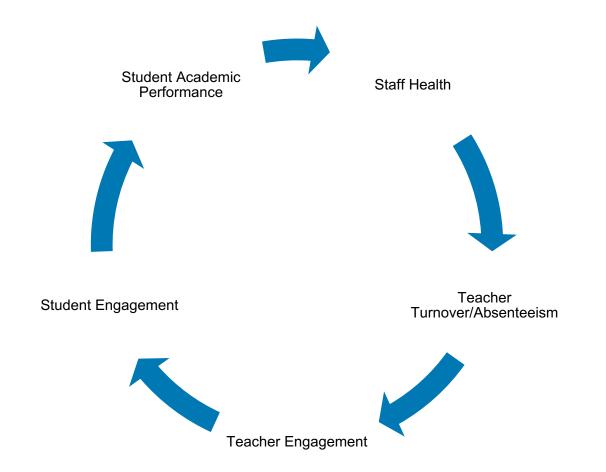
### Why School Employee Well-being?

CHAPTER 1 Nearly 1 of adults do not eat enough of adults have fruits and vegetables, and one or more chronic adults are overweight or obese. only 1/2 meet physical activity diseases.<sup>3</sup> recommendations.<sup>a</sup> ...... of adults report smoking. binge drinking, and STRESS is linked to hlah blood 1/3 of teachers report inadequate sleep, which is weakened associated with higher risk for dlabetes, report feeling great stress at Immune system, least several days a week,10 hypertension, stroke, and higher than any other and obesity. heart disease. occupational group.<sup>11</sup>

This guide will primarily use the term "wellness," but "health" and "well-being" will also be used interchangeably. The term "stall" will be used interchangeably with "employee" and includes teachers, administrators, support stall, and others employed by the school or district. See the Giossary for definitions.

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Guide to Improving School Employee Wellness, 2018 <u>https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.chronicdisease.org/resource/resmgr/school\_health/school\_employee\_wellness/nacdd\_schoole</u> mployeewellness.pdf

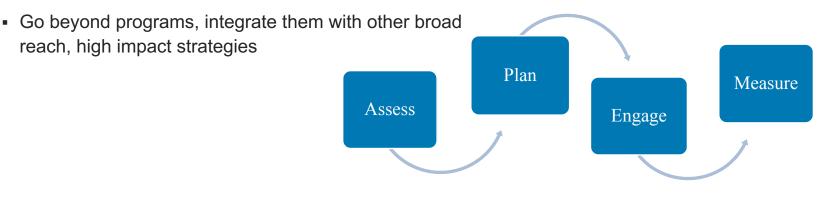
# Benefits of Staff Well-being: Potential Relationship Between Staff Health and Student Performance



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## Thoughts from the Field: Concepts & Strategies to Keep in Mind

- ✓ Use evidence based, best practices
  - Comprehensive, coordinated initiatives (from programs to policies) can make a difference in employee health
- ✓ Build a healthy school environment
  - Integrate with existing efforts
  - Connect student and staff wellness (ex. Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act student wellness committees)
- ✓ Customize your plan
  - Interest surveys
  - Start where you can, grow where you can
- ✓ Disciplined approach



Four Simple Steps to Workforce Health https://business.kaiserpermanente.org/thrive/four-steps-to-workforce-health

**School Employee Wellness Resources** 

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Overview of National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Guide to Improving School Employee Wellness



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  - Collaborate closely with +300 schools within our 8 regions
  - Offer a range school health resources and information on our website
- Tools & Resources available on our website (<u>https://thrivingschools.kaiserpermanente.org</u>):
  - Wellness Champion Toolkit
  - Webinars
  - Labor Management Resources
  - Staff Break Rooms

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