

## **Example Potential Partners for State Health and Education Departments to Engage at the State Level in Support of the Implementation of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Model**

The organizations listed below align with the components of the WSCC model and exemplify a range of possible health and education partners to engage. The list is neither exhaustive nor definitive. Partners will vary depending on state capacity and priorities and the needs of schools. Many of these examples can reflect more than one WSCC component, as appropriate.

### **Coordinating Policy, Process, and Practice**

- State legislators
- State school boards association
- State school superintendents association
- State principals association/association of school principals
- State rural schools association
- National Education Association (NEA) state affiliate
- State health and education departments (internal partners)
- State and regional health and education organizations, including obesity prevention/healthy communities coalitions and state affiliates of national non-governmental organizations – see examples below for each of the 10 WSCC components
- Regional and local health departments
- Education service centers
- National non-governmental organizations, including [CDC Healthy Schools-funded partners](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal agencies

### **Health Education**

- Colleges/Universities (specialties applicable to other WSCC components)
- NEA state affiliate for teachers to incorporate health education in the classroom
- State association for health, physical education, recreation and dance
- Regional or local health departments
- Regional or local hospitals and health systems

### **Physical Education and Physical Activity**

- State association for health, physical education, recreation and dance
- State coaches association
- State affiliate of Action for Healthy Kids
- State affiliate of Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- NEA state affiliate for teachers to strengthen movement in the classroom
- State afterschool network
- State and regional organizations supporting out-of-school time physical activity (e.g., Boys & Girls Clubs, Special Olympics, YMCA)

### **Nutrition Environment and Services**

- State department of agriculture
- State school nutrition association
- State affiliate of Action for Healthy Kids
- State affiliate of Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- State Farm to School network
- State Harvest of the Month
- School food vendors
- State Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for healthy snacks and fundraisers
- State afterschool network

### **Health Services**

- State school nurse consultant at state department of education or health
- State school nurse association
- State school-based health care organization
- State chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- State academy of family physicians
- State chapter of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- State Medicaid and managed care organizations
- Regional or local health departments
- Regional or local hospitals and health systems

### **Counseling, Psychological, and Social Services**

- State school counselor association
- State school psychologist association
- State school social worker association
- Regional health care and social service providers

### **Social and Emotional Climate**

- State school counselor association
- State school psychologist association
- State school social worker association
- School bus fleet companies and vendors

### **Physical Environment**

- State school facilities management association
- State school safety center
- State law enforcement
- State drinking water programs
- Custodian and maintenance service vendors
- State safe routes to school
- Pest management service providers

### **Employee Wellness**

- State employee health programs
- State business coalitions and groups on health
- Hospitals and health systems
- Fitness industry organizations

### **Family Engagement**

- State PTA and Parent Teacher Organization
- State parent training and information programs
- State community and parent resource centers

### **Community Involvement**

- Regional or local health departments
- State and regional health and education organizations
- Hospitals and health systems
- State and county government
- Churches and faith community
- Private foundations
- Business sector