



Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Quarterly Meeting

November 19, 2024

Kristy McCarron, Chairperson of the Commission



Welcome

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting
 - Approval of Minutes
- Comments from Commissioners on Current Work
- Discussion: Future of Commission
- Closeout and Priorities for Next Meeting



Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting

Kristy McCarron, Chairperson, Healthy Youth and Schools Commission

Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting

- June 13, 2024 Meeting
 - Main topics covered
 - Discussion led on the format of the commission
 - Comments provided by Commissioners on Current Work
 - Approval of minutes



Legislative Update

Kyle Flood, Manager of Policy and Compliance
Office of the State Superintendent of Education

Legislative Update

- School health bills recently passed by DC Council
 - Seizure Safe Schools Amendment Act of 2024
 - Cardiac Planning and Response (“CPR”) Amendment Act of 2024
- School health hearings recently held by DC Council
 - Public School Health Services Amendment Act of 2024
 - Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy Oversight
- State Board of Education Resolutions
 - Advocating for Enhanced School Nurse Staffing and Support in D.C. Schools



Commissioners' Current Work

Commissioners



FY25 Priority Projects
*Foster Student & Staff
Wellbeing*



FOSTER STUDENT AND STAFF WELL-BEING

Unapologetically support the physical, mental, and social-emotional health of students and staff by promoting safe, welcoming, healthy and joyful learning environments.

Strategic Three-Year Initiatives:

- Align Health and Education Systems
- Invest in the Mental Health of Students and Staff
- Launch a Citywide School Climate Survey
- Help Build Inclusive School Communities
- Reduce Chronic Absenteeism

5.1 Align Health and Education Systems

OSSE designs and implements systems of support for early childhood programs and schools on how to integrate essential components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model.

- Revise Health Ed and Physical Ed State Standards
- Strengthen school health policy & practices
 - Immunizations
 - Undesignated Emergency Medications
 - Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)
- Ensure student access to summer meals
 - Increase HS student participation in summer DC Youth Meals program
 - Support DHS to administer Summer EBT grocery benefits
- Elevate outdoor learning as an effective teaching strategy



Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents

DC YOUTH MEALS PROGRAM

5.2 Invest in the Mental Health of Students and Staff

OSSE expands trainings and supports provided to early childhood programs and schools on how to design and implement systems that promote mental health and wellness for students and staff.

- Support school implementation of data-informed student and educator wellness approaches
- Execute signature ARROW workforce retention activities
 - Launch Youth Mental Health Ambassador program in charter high schools
 - Pilot school mental health peer mentor program
 - Learning Cadres
 - Retention bonuses for supervisors
- Redefine and Implement ARROW workforce recruitment approach



5.3-4 Help Build Inclusive Communities

OSSE expands support offerings to schools on building positive student cultures and inclusive learning environments so that all students feel safe and welcome and part of the community.

- Launch citywide School Climate Survey
- Pride Investments
 - Operationalize OSSE's new policy "equity audit"
 - Equip educators to implement sexual and reproductive health standards and instruction with inclusivity and respect
- Increase educator social-emotional learning knowledge and skills



5.5 Reduce Chronic Absenteeism

OSSE evaluates, coordinates, and strengthens OSSE's existing data, policy, and school-based supports and identifies aligned, high-impact new investments to help ensure all students are attending school on a regular basis and reduce chronic absenteeism.

- Advance existing efforts
 - Data analysis, reporting, and resource development
 - Develop and disseminate digital Truancy Resource Guide
 - Youth Re-engagement efforts
- New "Big Bets"
 - Hire State Attendance Coordinator
 - Integrate intensive absenteeism reduction supports into OSSE's School Improvement portfolio
 - Establish clear, vertical alignment of SEA > LEA strategy and processes for youth disengagement prevention, reengagement, and re(introduction) to post-secondary opportunity.



A FAMILY AFFAIR

A community health event for the whole family

Children's National providers will be on-site to answer questions and provide:

- Pediatric immunizations
- Adult health screenings
- Health education and vision screenings
- Adult and pediatric dental screenings and oral health education
- Schedule well child appointments

December 7, 2024 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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1801 Mississippi Ave, SE Washington, DC 20020**

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EVENTO FAMILIAR GRATIS

¡Evento comunitario de servicios de salud para toda la familia!

Los proveedores de servicios médicos de Children's National estarán disponibles para contestar sus preguntas y brindarle:

- Inmunizaciones pediátricas
- Evaluaciones médicas para adultos
- Eventos de educación de salud y exámenes de vista
- Evaluaciones dentales para adultos y niños y educación sobre temas relacionados con la salud oral
- Programación de citas para evaluaciones de salud para niños

Sábado 7 de diciembre de 2024 entre las 9:00 AM y las 3:30 PM

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*Le sugerimos que programe su cita lo más pronto posible.
Haga un escaneo del código QR para registrarse y obtener más información.*

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Discussion: Future of Commission

Kristy McCarron, Chairperson, Healthy Youth and Schools Commission

Future of Commission

- Feedback and observations
- Future of commission
 - Commissioner feedback
 - What am I missing that I can't see?
- 2024 report and recommendations to council



Final Discussion, Closeout and Priorities for Next Meeting

Commissioners