



SY17 Local School Wellness Evaluation Summary Report

The Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 required by law that each local educational agency that participates in the National School Lunch Program or other federal Child Nutrition programs is required by federal law to establish a local school wellness policy. This was further strengthened by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 which requires an annual evaluation of implementation and compliance to wellness policies within school districts. The purpose of wellness plans and policies is to promote students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

SY17 Atlanta Public Schools (APS) Local School Wellness Plan evaluations were completed for each school site that participates in the National School Lunch Program. Evaluations assess implementation of wellness goals set for nutrition, physical fitness, Farm to School, etc. and further evaluates compliance of the APS Board Approved wellness policy as reported at the school level. Overall, schools in compliance with APS Board Approved wellness policy standards ranged from 75% to 99% compliance (n=62-81 of 82 total schools). The percentage of schools that reported accomplishing 75-100% wellness goals established in September of 2016 by their Local School Wellness Council was 66% (n=54 of 82 schools). For the 2017-2018 school year, the APS Nutrition Department and the APS District Wellness Council will continue to work with APS school sites to address the reported needs assessed and barriers faced with the goal of increasing compliance and achievement of wellness goals within the District. To obtain a copy of the detailed APS wellness policy evaluation report for 2016-2017, please attend the APS District Wellness Council's SY18 meeting planned for September, 2017 or contact the APS Nutrition Department via email at apsnutrition@atlanta.k12.ga.us.