



May 15, 2016

Dear Superintendent Wyrosdick,

The Florida Healthy District Self-Assessment and Award are made possible by our sponsors.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Santa Rosa County School District has been recognized as a Florida Healthy School District at the Gold level for the period of May 2016 through April 2018 based on submission of the Florida Healthy School District Self-Assessment.

The self-assessment tool is based on sustainable infrastructure, policy, programs, and practices identified from national and state guidelines, best practices, and Florida statutes. It was developed by the Florida Coordinated School Health Partnership (CSHP) out of a desire to recognize and celebrate the hard work and success of school districts related to physical, mental and social health of students and staff. The assessment was written by school experts, evaluated, piloted and field tested for three years before being released in 2009.



Since 2009 CSHP, in partnership with Florida Action for Healthy Kids (FLAFHK), Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) and Florida Healthy Kids Corporation has recognized 47 districts for establishing a culture and climate that embraces the Coordinated School Health approach to reduce and eliminate barriers to learning and support academic achievement.

Santa Rosa County Public Schools demonstrated outstanding scores related to policies and processes in the following areas:



District Infrastructure (91% highly commendable) A well-established district infrastructure demonstrates strong administrative and community support that leads to sustainability.

Health Services (92% highly commendable) School Health Services remove health related barriers to attendance, performance and academic success.

Counseling, Psychological and Social Services (89% highly commendable) Engagement and a feeling of being cared for are vital to attendance, retention, performance and ultimately graduation.

Healthy School Environment (87%) Reflects the physical plant as well as the social climate of the district. This includes safety, personal interaction and violence prevention.

Family and Community Involvement (91%) Family and Community Involvement is key to garnering support and resources from community members and involving parents as partners.



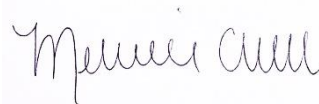
Florida Healthy School Districts are recognized in numerous ways:

- FADSS recognizes superintendents from Florida Healthy School Districts at their annual conference and on their website.
- CSHP and the FLAFHK Executive Committee members present the award at each district's school board meeting. The lead submitter will be contacted to arrange the date.
- Each district receives a full-size Florida Healthy School District flag that can be displayed at the district office or rotated among schools as well as a Florida Healthy District logo for their website and communications.
- Press releases are sent to media outlets in each county by Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.
- Districts and superintendents are recognized on the Florida Healthy Districts website at www.healthydistrict.com.
- Award announcement is included in the Florida Healthy Schools Newsletter.
- Local County Health Departments and Chambers of Commerce and legislators are notified of the award.
- Recognized districts are invited to participate in the Healthy District Collaborative (HDC) facilitated by the Florida Departments of Education and Health. Member districts are provided professional development, technical assistance and resource/funding opportunity information.

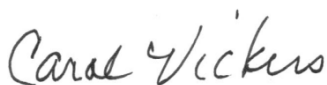
The Florida Coordinated School Health Partnership and Florida Action for Healthy Kids look forward to continuing to support and promote the efforts of the Florida Healthy School Districts. Thank you for being on the forefront of ensuring the future of a healthy Florida by creating health literate and health practicing students and staff that are fit, healthy, and ready to learn.



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