



National Advocacy Program for Coordinated School Health Programs

WHEREAS, citizen advocacy to improve the health status of children and youth can be a potent force in getting every parent, community and school to acknowledge the legal and moral obligation they share for providing quality school health programs; and

WHEREAS, there are many ASHA members residing and working in areas of the country where they do not have the advantage of being affiliated with a formalized state school health association, many of which serve an advocacy role and give direction to individual members in sharing in that role; and

WHEREAS, all members of the American School Health Association are fundamentally committed to the development of effective coordinated health programs in all our nation's schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the American School Health Association call on every member to become, during the next decade, an active advocate for effective coordinated school health programs by:

- 1) calling attention to the present status of the school health program in their community, their state and nationally;
- 2) alerting the community to the health problems of their children and youth and working to give visibility to those problems;
- 3) encouraging continued concern and involvement by their school boards and State Boards of Education, community governmental electees and appointees, for legislative, financial, and program support; and
- 4) taking a leadership role in the review, evaluation, and future direction of the total school health program in their community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the American School Health Association, in cooperation with other groups and agencies, individuals, and affiliated organizations become successful advocates for coordinated school health programs through extensive and intensive nationally organized efforts.

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