



Letter of Commitment

Re: ASHA Partnership for Funding Opportunity

Dear sir or madam,

I am writing to express the commitment of the American School Health Association (ASHA) to partner with the applicant on the proposed project. ASHA brings a wealth of expertise from across the country to the project. In recognition of ASHA's national reputation and expertise, the applicant has partnered with ASHA to provide convenings as well as research translation and dissemination to school health staff and other professionals nationwide. This assistance will enhance the diffusion of research findings to the field.

Sincerely,

Jeanie Alter, PhD
Executive Director
American School Health Association

Proposed Project

This project will be enhanced by a relationship with a national professional organization – the American School Health Association (ASHA). The American School Health Association is a multi-disciplinary professional association working to **transform all schools into places where every student learns and thrives**. This is done by embracing and implementing the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (WSCC). The CDC described the model and its purpose well. “Schools, health agencies, parents, and communities share a common goal of supporting the health and academic achievement of adolescents. Research shows that the health of students is linked to their academic achievement. By working together, the various sectors can ensure that every young person in every school in every community is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged” (CDC WSCC Fact Sheet 508). We know that by supporting the health and well-being of students, we can strengthen K-12 education and prepare students for education and lifelong success. All of ASHA’s members have extensive subject matter expertise in the WSCC model and the overwhelming majority are educators, administrators, or behavioral health/healthcare providers for students. As such, ASHA brings a wealth of expertise from across the country to the project.

In recognition of ASHA’s national reputation, expertise, and networks, the applicant has partnered with ASHA to promote, enhance, and advance translation of the research into practice. In particular, ASHA will leverage its national network to diffuse research findings through a variety of trusted vehicles. ASHA provides a monthly webinar series on a variety of topics and has the capacity to coordinate and host through virtual technology that will reach higher education, K-12 education, school health services, and mental health providers. In addition, ASHA’s peer-reviewed journal – the Journal of School Health – offers the opportunity to highlight the findings of this project. Through these activities, ASHA will build and support a more prepared, energized, and capable school health workforce to address needs of students.

Budget

Name	Service	Rate	Other	Cost
American School Health Association	Webinars	\$5,750/ Hosted webinar		\$5,750
	JOSH open access	\$3,000/article		\$3,000
			TOTAL	\$8,735

NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION:

1. ASHA will host a webinar on the project. This will include promotion, continuing education, technology, and logistics. The applicant will arrange for the presenter(s).
2. Any article developed describing the project's outcomes will be submitted to ASHA's Journal of School Health for peer-review. If accepted, open access to the article will be provided to anyone without requirement to have a subscription. This will promote, enhance, and advance translation of the research into practice.