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Expanding School Wellness Policies to Encompass the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model- Lessons from Connecticut

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The CDC's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (WSCC) model shows how public health and education sectors can better coordinate their work to support each child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. This presentation will describe the USDA regulations currently in place; share measurement tools that have been developed to assess wellness policies and practices; and review how the state government is compiling actionable data to support school wellness in Connecticut.

WHEN

Wednesday, January 30, 2026
1:00pm – 2:30pm

WHERE

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Objectives:

- Explain the USDA's requirement for a written local school wellness policy for all school districts that participate in the federal meal programs.
- Describe how the USDA's requirements can be expanded to reflect the CDC's WSCC model at the state and local level.
- Evaluate opportunities in their own work to remove silos and coordinate school wellness policies and practices.

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