To: Chairperson, School Health Advisory Council

Re: School Health Initiative Screening Tool

This letter is intended to introduce a screening tool created by the Texas School Health Advisory Committee (TSHAC) at the Texas Department of State Health Services-School Health Program. It was created to help local School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs) review programs, curriculum, or projects before they make recommendations to the local school board for adoption.

The screening tool can be used by one person, a sub-committee, or by all members of the SHAC. It is common for SHACs to find that they need more information about the program, curriculum, or projects after using the tool. The tool gives SHACs a starting point but does not cover all the issues that a school district should consider before deciding to use a program, curriculum, or project.

The TSHAC suggests:

* Using the tool with one program, curriculum, or project at a time.
* The SHAC discuss the results of the tool before making their recommendations to the local school board for adoption.

For more information about the TSHAC, please visit the website at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/shadvise.shtm>.

If you have a question, please email the Texas Department of State Health Services’ School Health Program at schoolhealth@dshs.texas.gov.

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