Wellness Policy Language	Date reviewed	Fully In Place	Partially In Place	Comments List steps you will take to meet implementation deadline; list challenges/barriers to implementation
III. Wellness Goals Link t	to school year	24-25 goal	s - Will be und	ated October 2024
A. Nutrition Promotion a				
1. The School District will encourage and support healthy eating by students and engage in nutrition promotion that is:	2019 2023	X X		Ongoing; Restrictions and enforcing outside food sources of competitive foods.
a. offered as part of a comprehensive program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;	2019-20 2023		X	 Required health class was implemented for 7th grade. All MS (6-8) now have this as a required component. Health curriculum is offered in elementary and HS levels. Elementary has 2nd step which is social-emotional learning. Required to have health education k-8 at each level for health as a state standard. HS students receive at least one year. At least one course. DARE at elementary levels Second grade science discusses My Plate; PE discusses heart rate 38% of media collection is social & emotional related materials to support the skills to be emotionally intelligent, establish relationships and make responsible decisions. Mental health materials included in weekly parent email communications.
b. part of health education classes, as well as classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects, where appropriate; and	2019-20 2023	x		Required health class was implemented for 7th grade. All MS (6-8) now have this as a required component. Health curriculum is offered in elementary and HS levels. Elementary classes have altered their curriculum to use healthy examples: i.e. in math class counting buttons or apples in place of cookies or m&m's. Science classes at the HS have worked to incorporate healthier alternatives in class curriculum such as ice cream making. Adding healthier toppings.
c.enjoyable, developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant, and includes participatory activities, such as contests,	2019-20 2023	X	X	Ongoing; MS FACS garden, taste testing with students (i.e. smoothies, healthier dips) No food rewards, sharing carts (Healthier bars in place students don't have breakfast or not wanting to stay in class.) Diabetics, chronic conditions.

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promotions, taste testing, and field trips				FFA food sampling event, Ag Olympics, World Language Week food sampling at the High School
2. The school district	2019	X		*The School District encourages staff to be role models for healthy
will encourage all	2013	А		behaviors.
e e	2025		х	Defiaviors.
students to make age				
appropriate, healthy				Need to work on healthier options for concessions. Have tried offering
selections of foods and				fresh fruit, packaged vegetables, cheese sticks and yogurt. Also, milk
beverages, including				to drink.
those sold individually				
outside the	2023			Concession stands offer fruits, healthier snacks.
reimbursable school				
meal programs, such as				F/R band and orchestra sell frozen vegetables.
through a la				
carte/snack lines,				
vending machines,				
fundraising events,				
concession stands, and				
student stores.				
Staff Wellness		•		
The School District will	2015	x		Meet 2-3 times per year. Offer a variety of opportunities for staff.
establish and maintain	2013	A .		Communication is done through staff newsletter. Monthly wellness
a Staff Wellness	2017			newsletter is provided in the staff newsletter.
Committee, which will				newstetter is provided in the start newstetter.
develop, promote and	2023		T.	Change policy verbiage to include staff, where appropriate. Will
	2025		X	
oversee a multifaceted				combine student and staff committees. Meet 4 times per year (each SY
plan to promote staff				quarter).
health and wellness.				
				Monthly staff wellness newsletter will be included in the district staff
				update and posted on the staff website.
B.Physical Activity				
*Physical Education (P.E		1		
1.Students need	2019			All students in grades V 12 including students with dischilities special
				All students in grades K-12, including students with disabilities, special
opportunities for	2023			health-care needs, and in alternative educational settings, will receive
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incorporated into other	1 '	1		
subject lessons, where	1	1		Elementary schools work towards providing at least 20 minutes a day
appropriate; and	1 '	1		of supervised recess, preferably outdoors. Moderate to vigorous
	1 '	1		physical activity should be encouraged through the provision of space
	1 '	1		and equipment.
	1 '	1		
	1 '	1		
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	1 '	1		Classroom health education will reinforce the knowledge and
	1 '	1		self-management skills needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle and
	1 '	1		reduce sedentary activities such as watching television.
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3. Classroom teachers	2019	X		"Get up and Move" classroom ideas have been provided to staff
will provide short	2023	1		through newsletter and are on the wellness website.
physical activity breaks between lessons or	1 '	1		Elementary students take a break and walk to healthy snack cart.
classes, as appropriate.	1 '	1		Elementary students take a break and wark to nearing snack cart.
C. Communication With	Parents	·		
1 and 2. The school	2019		x	Information provided on the website, monthly menus, social media and
district recognizes that	2015	1		handouts.
parents and guardians	'	1		
have a primary role in	1 '	1		Social Media sends out events in newsletters.
promoting their	1	1		
children's health and	1 '	1		Parents need to be involved.
well-being. The school	1 '	1		
district will support	1	1		7th grade health required
parents' efforts to	1 '	1		
provide a healthy diet	1 '	1		Social media, principal newsletters, media center fun facts
and daily physical	1 '	1		
activity for their	1 '	1		
children		·'	·'	
3. The school district	2020	1		Kids advocate for themselves after they have had health class to build
encourages parents to pack healthy lunches	2023	1	1	healthier meals.
and snacks and refrain	1 '	1		7th grade health class; summer wellness challenge with information;
from including	1 '	1		quarterly newsletter.
beverages and foods	1 '	1		quarterry newsletter.
without nutritional	1 '	1		Students will be allowed to select from the share cart, if available,
value.	'			healthy choices to supplement packed home lunches.
4. The school district	2015	on		Keeping in mind the National physical activity recommendations of at
will provide	2020	going		least 60 minutes per day, the School District will provide information
information about	1 '	1		about physical activity opportunities.
physical education and	1 '	1		
other school-based	1 '	1		
physical activity	1 '	1		Flyer from sports activities about nutrition. Include nutrition
opportunities and will	1 '	1		information at individual sports meetings.
support parents' efforts	1 '	1		The second the second information. The seall got the same flyon
to provide their children with	1 '	1		Everyone gets the same information. They all get the same flyer.
opportunities to be	1 '	1		SHIP, Josh Ramaker, will check on possible speakers.
physically active	1 '	1		SIIII, JUSH Ramaker, will check on possible speakers.
outside of school.	1	1		
IV. Standards and Nutrit	ion Guideline	s		
A. School Meals				
1.The school district	2015	X		Ongoing
will provide healthy	2017-18	1		
and safe school meal	2020	'		

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programs that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations	2023			Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) plans and guidelines will be implemented to prevent food illnesses in schools. Time and Temp controls are in place.For the safety and security of the food and facility, access to the Food and Nutrition Services operations are limited to Food and Nutrition Staff and authorized personnel.
2.Child nutrition personnel will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students.	2014-15 2020 2023		X	The School District will provide the opportunity for all children to have breakfast at school in order to meet their nutritional needs and enhance their ability to learn. All K are offered a free breakfast. All students are able to receive 1 free breakfast meal on days they are attending school. MN Free Meals for Kids Act 2023. The Child Nutrition department will provide financially responsible foods that support and develop partnerships with local/regional farmers.
3.Child nutrition personnel will try to accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning.	2020 2023		x	The high school offers different ethnic foods during world language week for students to try. Middle School will add in International Cuisine week March 2020. Multiple lines are offered to accommodate religious, ethnic and cultural preferences.
4.Child nutrition personnel will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.	2020 2023			School sites should discourage students from sharing their foods or beverages with one another during meals or snack times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some children's diets. Offering attractive dining areas, which have enough space for seating all students. Ongoing painting and enhancing cafeteria spaces. Sharing tables are available at all elementary schools and high school levels. Decisions to have sharing tables are made at the school level. Start time at MS at 10:40 (early). Looking at staggered release of grades. Flex time at the HS has been great to allow for more time to enjoy meals. Spring Creek and GVP schools turn down lights to take time to eat. ORP incentive - Competition for composting. Looking at for the future. Schools compete. MS - limited passes to go outside. This causes students to rush.
5.Child nutrition personnel will take every measure to ensure that student access to foods and beverages meets or exceeds all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations and that reimbursable school meals meet USDA nutrition standards	On going	X		Received 6 cent certification.

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6.Child nutrition		х		All child nutrition personnel must be ServSafe certified within 6
personnel shall adhere	2020			months of employment start date and maintain certification.
to all applicable federal,	2023			
state, and local food				
safety and security				
guidelines.				
7.The school district will	2015	Х	х	2014-15: Updated policies on low balances
make every effort to	2019			SY 2014-2015: Following Minnesota legislature in regards to
eliminate any social				eliminating social stigma
stigma attached to, and				SY 2014-2015: Free breakfast K-8 continued; Free lunch to all
prevent the overt				students qualified as free/reduced.
identification of, students				SY 2019-20: Reviewed and updated negative balance policy.
who are eligible for free	2023	X		2023 School Year - MN Free Breakfast and Lunch; paid off meal debt
and reduced-price school				with angel funds.
meals				
8.The school district will	2014	Х		
provide students access				
to hand washing or hand	2018			
sanitizing before they eat				
meals or snacks.	2023			
9.The school district will	2016		Χ	Time studies are on-going to review waiting time in line and eating
make every effort to	2019			time.
provide students with	2020			
sufficient time to eat	2023			See above: proposed at State Level, but did not move forward.
after sitting down for				
school meals and will				
schedule meal periods at				
appropriate times during				
the school day				
10.The school district	2019	Х	X	HS implemented FLEX hour. Students can now eat lunch in the
will discourage tutoring,	2023			classroom or around building while participating in various activities.
club, or organizational				Implemented as a "HS recess" or opportunity to decrease stress.
meetings or activities				
during mealtimes unless				
students may eat during				
such activities.	/T			
B. School Food Servic	0	rersonnel		The Child Mathitian Department will an identified and if C 11
1. The school district	2015 2018		X	The Child Nutrition Department will provide nutrient analysis for all
shall designate an				school meals and they will be available on the District's website and
appropriate person to	2020			printed menus.
be responsible for the school district's food	2023			
service program, whose				2015 Implemented Smart Speek Degulations into Ale Corte Line et
duties shall include the				<u>2015</u> : Implemented Smart Snack Regulations into Ala Carte Line at Middle School and Senior High
creation of nutrition				Vending machines are not turned on during the school day.
guidelines and				ventiling indennies are not turned on during the sentor day.
procedures for the				All foods and beverages sold individually outside the reimbursable
selection of 533-4 foods				School Meal Programs (including those sold ala carte and through the
and beverages made				Snack Bars) during the school day will meet current USDA regulations
available on campus to				for All Foods Served in Schools and will work towards increasing
ensure food and				"whole foods" (whole grains, unprocessed foods, or fresh produce)
beverage choices are				following nutrition and portion size standards.
consistent with current				Tono wing nutrition and portion size standards.
USDA guidelines.				
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2. As part of the school	2015			
district's responsibility	2018			
to operate a food	2020			New Professional Standards were implemented in 2015-16
service program, the	2023			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
school district will	-			Professional Standard requirements include paying staff to attend
provide continuing				classes.
professional				
development for all				Child Nutrition staff attend multi-district training.
child nutrition				
personnel in schools.				
C. Competitive Foods	and Bevera	ges	-	
1. All foods and	SY	X		Smart snack guidelines implemented in ala carte and beverage
beverages sold on school	14-15			contracts.
grounds to students,	2020			
outside of reimbursable	2023		X	* High school vending machines are to be turned off during the school
meals, are considered			1	day. These machines only contain beverages.
"competitive foods."				auj. These indefinites only contain correlation.
Competitive foods				High School Food allowed in during Flex time. Continue to work with
include items sold a la				administration to change this.
carte in the cafeteria,				
from vending machines,				
school stores, and for				
in-school fundraisers				
2.All competitive foods	SY 15	X		Items sold for Ala Carte are calculated using the Smart Snacks
will meet the USDA	SY 19	Λ		Calculator tool.
Smart Snacks in School	2020			
(Smart Snacks) nutrition	2020			
standards and any	2025			
applicable state nutrition				
standards, at a				
minimum. Smart Snacks				
aim to improve student				
health and well-being,				
increase consumption of				
healthful foods during				
the school day, and				
create an environment				
that reinforces the				
development of healthy				
eating habits.				
3.Before and Aftercare	2017-18		X	Snacks modified to include more fresh fruit, vegetable and dairy
(child care) programs	2017 10		-	options.
must also comply with	2023	X		-
the school district's				Food purchased through Child Nutrition food distributor. Order guide
nutrition standards				created with acceptable items that meet Smart Snacks.
unless they are				
reimbursable under				
USDA school meals				
program, in which case				
they must comply with				
all applicable USDA				
standards.				
D. Other foods and be	verages ma	de available	e to students	
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1.Student wellness will be a consideration for all foods offered, but not sold, to students on the school campus, including those foods provided through:	17-18 2020 2023		X	 **Note: Up to two special event exceptions will be allowed at the Middle School, the High School, and the Area Learning Center per year. Two exceptions per grade level, per year, will be allowed at the Elementary Schools. These events will be determined by the building administrator and Wellness Committee Coordinator. These exceptions will be documented on our District Wellness procedures form and provided to the Director of Finance to determine if an expense is allowable under the wellness policy guidelines. BC2M (Bring Change to Mind), HCI (Healthy Community Initiative and Child Nutrition collaborated to offer Jonny Pops monthly at the HS as a mental health awareness project (Dec 2023-Feb 2024).
a.Celebrations and parties. The school district will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas.	2020 2023	x	X	Schools should limit celebrations that involve food during the school day to special occasions. Classroom celebrations should encourage healthy choices and portion control. The School District has a list available of healthy party ideas for parents and teachers. Elementary birthday treats are no longer brought in. Students celebrated in other ways by being recognized by the principal, teacher, line leader for the day, reading announcements, etc. Letters are sent out at the beginning of the school year reminding families of this information.
b.Classroom snacks brought by parents. The school district will provide to parents a list of suggested foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards.	2015 2020 2023		x on-going	The School District has a list available of healthy snack ideas for parents and teachers.
2.Rewards and incentives. Schools will not use foods or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior (unless this practice is allowed by a student's individual education plan or behavior intervention plan) and will not withhold food or beverages as punishment.	2015 2018 2020 2023		x Reviewed yearly.	School staff will use food and candy as a reward for student accomplishment sparingly. Non-food rewards and incentives will be used whenever possible as the first choice to encourage positive behavior. The School District has made available a list of positive, non-food rewards listed on the web-site. New staff receive a newsletter about wellness policy in orientation documentation.

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3.Fundraising. The school district will make available to parents and teachers a list of suggested healthy fundraising ideas.	2015 2018 2020 2023	X		To support children's health and school nutrition-education efforts, schools will encourage fundraising that promotes the sale of non-food and/or food sales that include nutritious food items and meet current USDA guidelines. Fundraising will follow the food safety practices per district policies. Schools will encourage fundraising activities that promote physical activity. The School District wellness website has a list of ideas for possible fundraising activities. Have worked with athletic directors for activities to have non-food fundraisers. Elementary levels have done 5 K, runs, etc to promote healthy activity. No food fundraisers known at this time.
E. Food and Beverage	Marketing	in Schools		
1.School-based marketing will be consistent with nutrition education and health promotion.	2015 2018 2020 2023	X	on-going	Research shows that students will buy and consume healthy foods and beverages when the options are tasty, accessible and affordable. To the extent possible, healthy choices will be made available. The School District will encourage that healthy choices be made available outside of school hours and will provide a list of healthy alternatives for food and beverages Advertising messages will be consistent with and reinforce the objectives of the education and nutrition environment goals of the school. Advertising of foods or beverages in the areas accessible to students during meal times must be consistent with standards established for the school environment.
2.Schools will restrict food and beverages marketing to the promotion of only those foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards.	2015 2018 2020 2023		on-going	Promotional activities will be limited to programs that are requested by school officials to support teaching and learning. All promotional activities in schools will be connected to activities that encourage physical activity, academic achievement or positive youth development.

V. WELLNESS LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A. Wellness Coordinator

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1. The superintendent will designate a school district official to oversee the school district's wellness-related activities (Wellness Coordinator). The Wellness Coordinator will ensure that each school implements the policy.	2015 2018 2020 2023	X	A wellness committee member is designated at each school. Principals work with the Wellness Coordinator on compliance issues, questions and concerns.
2. The principal of each school, or a designated school official, will ensure compliance within the school and will report to the Wellness Coordinator regarding compliance matters upon request.	2015 2018 2020 2023	X	A wellness committee member is designated at each school. Principals work with the Wellness Coordinator on compliance issues, questions and concerns. A google spreadsheet has been created for schools to report two allowed exemptions to the wellness policy. Director of Finance and Wellness Coordinator review requested po's to see if they meet required wellness policy standards.

B. Public Involveme	nt		
1.The Wellness	2015	X	
Coordinator will permit	2018		
parents, students,	2020		
representatives of the	2023		
child nutrition			
department, teachers of			
physical education,			
school health			
professionals, the school			
board, school			
administrators, and the			
general public to			
participate in the			
development,			
implementation, and			
periodic review and			
update of the wellness			
policy.			

2. The Wellness	2015	X	
Coordinator will hold	2018		Dates and times of meetings to be posted on website
meetings, from time to	2020		
time, for the purpose of	2023		
discussing the			
development,			
implementation, and			
periodic review and			
update of the wellness			
policy. All meeting dates			
and times will be posted			
on the school district's			
website and will be open			
to the public.			

VI. POLICY IMP	VI. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING				
A. Implemer	ntation and I	Publicatio	n		
1. After approval by the school board, the wellness policy will be implemented throughout the school district.	2013 2017 2018 2020 2023	x			
2. The school district will post its wellness policy on its website, to the extent it maintains a website.	2017 2018 2020 2023	X			
B. Annual Ro	eporting				
The Wellness Coordinator will annually inform the public about the content and implementation of the wellness policy and make the policy and any updates to the policy available to the public.	2015 2018 2020 2023	X	Information is mailed out to families at the beginning of the school year with meal benefit application packets. Elementary level letters sent out to families related to celebrations and birthdays.		
C. Triennial	Assessment				
1.At least once every three years, the school district will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and create a report that includes the following information: a. the extent to which	2015 2018 2020 2023	X	 a. This document provides the required information. b.References used to compare to model wellness policies include: Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121A.215 (Local School District Wellness Policy) 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq. (Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act) 533-7 42 U.S.C. § 1758b (Local School Wellness Policy) 42 U.S.C. § 1771 et seq. (Child Nutrition Act of 1966) 7 U.S.C. § 5341 (Establishment of Dietary Guidelines) 7 C.F.R. § 210.10 (School Lunch) 		

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schools under the jurisdiction of the school district are in compliance with the wellness policy; b. the extent to which the school district's wellness policy compares to model local wellness policies; and c. a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the school district's wellness policy 2. The Wellness Coordinator will be responsible for conducting the triennial assessment.	2020 2023	x	Program Regulations) 7 C.F.R. § 220.8 (School Breakfast Program Regulations) Local Resources: Minnesota Department of Education, www.education.state.mn.us Minnesota Department of Health, www.health.state.mn.us County Health Departments Action for Healthy Kids Minnesota, www.actionforhealthykids.org United States Department of Agriculture, www.fns.usda.gov c.Progress made: At the time of our wellness policy implementation it was a challenge by staff and district families to adjust to not having birthday and classroom celebrations. Staff and family have adapted to the change and now appreciate the reduced financial impact and increase classroom time. Staff are implementing healthy strategies when celebrating.
3.The triennial assessment report shall be posted on the school district's website or otherwise made available to the public.	2020 2023	X	
D. Recordkeeping			
1. The school district will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy.	2015-20 19 2020 2023	X	 The records to be retained include, but are not limited to: 1. The school district's written wellness policy. 2. Documentation demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the local school wellness policy and triennial assessments available to the public. 3. Documentation of the triennial assessment of the local school wellness policy for each school under the school district's jurisdiction efforts to review and update the wellness policy (including an indication of who is involved in the update and methods the school district uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate on the Wellness Committee).

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