
Seeking Team Members for the K-5 Health Curriculum Adoption/Pilot Team!

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Dear Elementary Principals,

As the new K-5 Health TOSA in 4J this year, I'm pleased to share that this Winter we will begin the preliminary steps of the **adoption process for new K-5 Elementary Health curriculum!** We are looking for elementary educators who might be interested in participating on this adoption/piloting team. Who on your staff is passionate about elementary health education? Please reach out to them and encourage them to consider being on this team of caring and committed educators.

Our aim is to have **at least one representative on the adoption team from each grade level**, Kindergarten through 5th, **and** representation that's as **balanced as possible from each 4J region**: North, South, Churchill, and Sheldon. We would like to have an *additional representative from an Immersion program, SpEd, ELD, PE*, and possibly an elementary school counselor. We will be looking at curriculum that can meet or exceed the standards of the [HECAT](#) (The CDC's Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool), that align with [ODE elementary Health education standards](#), and includes materials that address many

dimensions of health: physical health and safety, mental-social-emotional health, sexuality education, decision making, accessing resources, advocacy, etc... As referenced in the ODE website, we know that "*Quality health education requires time for students to develop and practice healthy behaviors, and ensures that students from every background and identity can learn the knowledge and skills to live their best, and healthiest lives.*"

I look forward to gathering a team of elementary educators who are interested in positive, collaborative teamwork to benefit our elementary students in 4J to empower stronger health literacy. Please talk with your K-5 staff and find out who may have an interest in this work, feel passionately about health education, and who would be willing to pilot curriculum in their classroom in late Winter/early Spring. *Participants will receive extended duty contract for meetings, or individual tasks, that take place outside the work day.*

Please use this quick and painless Google form to submit a name of an interested certified staff member from your school:

**** [Google Form for Principals to submit names of interested teachers](#) ****

Representation matters, so we would LOVE to have all four regions in 4J be seen and heard on this adoption/pilot team!

Specific meeting dates are not scheduled just yet, but feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Best,

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"Wisdom begins in wonder" - Socrates
