FAQs School Wellness Reporting

Q: Are we able to meet digitally?
A: Yes, you can meet virtually any year, actually. But, if able to meet in person, I would use this to ensure thorough understanding of roles and responsibilities.

Q: What is meant by 2/3 quorum for wellness committee?
A: Each district will submit a district wellness committee report through Indistar – current reporting platform. The members listed on that report are the ones in which at least 2/3 of them will need to be present in order to have quorum.

Q: Do you have to have a goal for each module?
A: No, within the School Health Index (SHI), you are required to complete modules 1-4, 10, & 11. While each module has a section for development of actions, you are only required to have 2 complete actions on the plan for improvement tab.

Q: Will the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI) still provide BMI reports for all schools?
A: Yes, even though the reporting will initially go through eSchool, ACHI will receive all school data and develop a school level and statewide BMI report.

Q: How do I get the Indistar login information?
A: Contact the State School Health & Wellness Coordinator/Act 1220 Coordinator at DESE, Office of School Health Services or contact Chante’le Williams, Chante’le.williams@arkansas.gov, who is the Indistar Process Manager.

Q: With COVID-19 and schools doing virtual or hybrid learning, do we still have to complete BMI reports?
A: Yes. Coordinate with students and families to ensure measurement. Parents can send written documentation indicating they are opting their student out of measurement; however, BMI data is crucial to Arkansas schools and communities receiving funding at the federal and state level and is key information when districts, schools, and communities apply for grants. Ensuring as many students as possible are measured is the best way to get accurate data.

Q: Is it ok to submit the district report before the school(s) report is complete?
A: Yes.

Q: What is the penalty for not submitting the Indistar plan?
A: All school districts that have not submitted a plan for health and wellness will be submitted to the Public School Accountability unit as a violation of Standards for Accreditation.