Whole Child in DPS

Support for the Whole Child

DPS is committed to creating a setting that fosters the growth of the whole child. Our school environments will encourage students to pursue their passions and interests, support their physical health and strengthen the social/emotional skills they need to succeed, including managing emotions, establishing and maintaining positive relationships and making responsible decisions.

By 2015, a task force, including DPS staff, community partners and city agencies providing services to DPS students, will recommend to the Board of Education a plan to measure this goal and track progress.
Whole Child Steering Team

- Debbie Hearty – Culture Equity Leadership Team (co-chair)
- Kalina Gallardo – SBoE, Junior at Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy (co-chair)
- Happy Haynes – DPS Board of Education
- Mike Johnson – DPS Board of Education
- Jessica Johnson – League of Charter Schools
- Glenna Norvelle – Denver Kids Inc.
- Katie Boogaard – PSR Student Engagement
- Cheri Wrench – Interdisciplinary Learning
- Veronica Figoli – Family and Community Engagement
- John Simmons – Student Services
- Christine Marquez-Hudson – Mi Casa
- Pam Shamburg – DCTA
- Sharon Bailey – City and County of Denver, former DPS Board of Education
- Francisco Terrones – SBoE, Junior at CEC Middle College
- Essence Henry – SBoE, Junior at Denver Center for 21st Century Learning (DC-21)
Develop a recommendation to the Board of Education for a single measure to track Denver Public Schools’ progress on its *Support for the Whole Child* goal.
Our Progress to Date

- Understanding the Research
- Defining what mattered most to us
- Creating our tenets
- Analyzing best ways to measure our tenets
- Meet with Board of Education with recommendation on measurements

Current work

January
In the Denver Public Schools, we are committed to providing **equitable and inclusive** environments where we ensure students are:

- Engaged
- Challenged
- Supported
- Healthy
- Safe
- Socially and Emotionally Intelligent

*Every Child Succeeds*
Next Steps

BoE to vote on Whole Child recommendations January 2015

Convene Task Force January 2015

- 50+% external partners
- Meeting with Steering Team for hand-off

Task Force January through June

- Conduct audit of current efforts against tenets
- Create menus of supports, tools, community partners, etc. for schools

Return to BoE

- Presentation of where gaps exist and recommendations regarding those gaps
- Recommendations on progress monitoring/effectiveness