



News Release

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RE-50J Completes Tobacco-Free Schools Policy

Wiggins, Colorado-The Northeast Colorado Health Department recently recognized the Wiggins School District RE-50J Board of Education for their impact on the Wiggins community for protecting their students, staff and visitors from the harmful effects of tobacco. NCHD presented an award to the Wiggins School board to recognize their efforts. Those present to accept the award were Wiggins School Board members Cary Allen, Sara Kopetzky, Troy Freauuff, Mike Miller, Kris Musgrave, and Superintendent, Trent Kerr. The award was presented by the Northeast Colorado Health Department tobacco team, which includes Mickey George, Lynn Bournia and Tonya Hughes. Superintendent Trent Kerr worked closely with NCHD, to update and strengthen their Tobacco Free School policies.

The Tobacco-Free Schools Law was enacted to ensure that all schools in Colorado would be tobacco-free. The Wiggins School District policy meets and exceeds the minimum requirements in the law. The policy creates a safe and healthy school environment for all students, staff and visitors by prohibiting the use and possession of tobacco products on school property. School property is defined in Colorado's Tobacco-Free Schools Law as, "all property whether owned or leased, rented or otherwise, that the school is authorized to exercise dominion and control". Included in the policy is the prohibition against any product containing nicotine or tobacco, products derived from tobacco that are intended to be inhaled or ingested, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and all marijuana products. The consequences for violating the law are also stated in the Wiggins School District policy.

"Having a comprehensive Tobacco-Free Schools policy in place will help school administrators address tobacco violation issues quickly and efficiently," said George. NCHD would like to thank the Wiggins School Board of Education, Superintendent Trent Kerr, and the school district's administration for their role in ensuring that the Wiggins School District RE-50J will remain tobacco-free. The NCHD Tobacco Team looks forward to a continued partnership with the school district, offering any assistance they may need.

Please support the Wiggins School District in their efforts to maintain a tobacco-free environment and promote a healthy lifestyle for their students.

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