

## Joint Use Agreement Question and Answer Section

- 1. How can we keep wellness initiatives a priority in the face of many competing demands and goals to reach?**

*Having a champion is a great way to ensure wellness initiatives are continually brought to the table. A champion can be anyone; a principal; a teacher; a community leader; even a concerned citizen. This person(s) serves as the voice surrounding these important issues and can be persistent in pushing your wellness initiatives forward. It is important for the champion to be knowledgeable regarding the specific issues facing your school, community, or organization. In addition he/she should be able to explain how the proposed plans, programs, or initiatives will impact those issues.*

- 2. What should you look for in a partner when thinking about creating a joint use agreement?**

*Often three groups of people are interested in joint use agreements; community based organizations or individuals interested in increasing access to health in the community; school districts; and city or county agencies (parks and recreation specifically). When discussing the opportunity to create a joint use agreement with interested groups it is helpful to be specific regarding the project and the desired outcomes. Each group will play a specific role, so providing clear objectives can help to define those roles. Joint use agreements should serve as a win-win for all parties involved and should satisfy the needs of each group.*