

Dear Colleagues:

The Connecticut Coordinated School Health Team is pleased to share with you information regarding two upcoming professional development opportunities. Both events are free of charge. Please share with others as appropriate.

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### **School Health Index Workshop**

May 24, 2011

*Research studies consistently conclude that student health status and student achievement are directly connected and, in fact, that student health is one of the most significant influences on learning and achievement.*

The School Health Index Self-Assessment and Planning Guide (SHI) is a user-friendly tool that will help school's identify the strengths and weaknesses of its health policies and programs. It will then guide the development of an action plan to improve the school's policies and programs. The SHI is based on research that identifies the policies and practices most likely to be effective in improving youth health risk behaviors. Please see attached flyer. [Register now!](#)

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### **Flu Mitigation and Immunization Requirements: Strategies for School Nurses**

May 24, 2011

*This activity will provide school nurses with information to enrich and facilitate their work with schools and to collaborate with local health departments in promoting healthy school environments.*

A workshop informing the essential collaborations between school, health departments, pediatricians and community partners in responding to pediatric influenza and immunizations. Please see attached flyer. Contact Kimberly Sandor at [kim.sandor@ct.gov](mailto:kim.sandor@ct.gov) if you are interested in attending.

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