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Department of Education sponsors wellness conference

(Hartford, CT—December 11, 2006) The Connecticut State Department of Education will sponsor a conference, *“Moving into Action: School Wellness Policy Implementation and Promotion,”* Thursday, December 14, at the Crowne Plaza, 100 Berlin Road in Cromwell at 8:30 am. Sponsored by the Bureau of Health and Nutrition Services and Child, Family School Partnerships, the event will provide school districts strategies and resources for implementing and promoting healthy eating, physical activity and student wellness. Federal School Wellness Policy legislation requires all districts participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s school nutrition programs to develop a school wellness policy by the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

“Now that the initial policy development process is complete, the next steps for school districts are to implement and promote these policies within their community,” said Charlene Russell Tucker, bureau chief of the Bureau of Health and Nutrition Services and Child, Family School Partnerships. “Our program offerings are based on the results of the Connecticut State Department of Education’s School Wellness Policy Needs Assessment Survey which was distributed to school districts in May 2006.”

The event will feature nationally renowned speakers and eight workshop sessions with real-life success stories from school districts in the state and around the country. In addition, exhibits from a variety of organizations will provide resources and information to assist schools with wellness policy implementation and promotion.

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