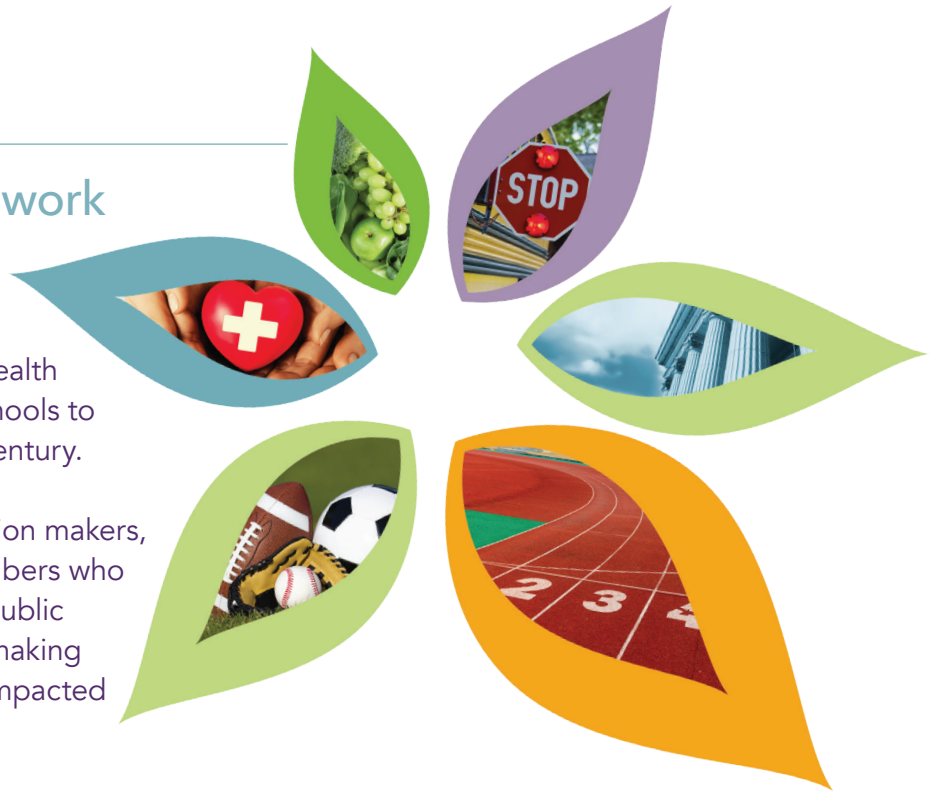


# ABOUT

## Transformative Schools Network

Transformative Schools Network is a national network working together to develop and pass comprehensive school health and wellness policies that will transform schools to keep up with students' needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We are students, parents, educators, decision makers, school administrators and community members who are committed to creating whole, healthy public schools and students by shifting decision-making power back into the hands of those most impacted by our nation's school system.



### OUR PRINCIPLES:

**Students have the right to proper nutrition, adequate food and access to safe food and water.** When schools bring breakfast in the classroom and improve the overall nutrition of the school lunches, research has shown improved attention and more consistent school attendance.

**Redirect funding toward public schools.** Funded schools are just schools. Evidence based studies have proven that the majority of students in public schools come from low-income families. Therefore, we believe every school district must have a sufficient level of funding to account for additional needs generated by student poverty.

**Students have the right to school nursing, wellness & health services.** It is essential that schools be able to give each child access to adequate nursing and other health services, including mental health services during every school day.

**All students have the right to safe schools.** Schools can make sure that every student feels safe, protected, respected and valued regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender expression, sex, relative wealth, and other factors.

**Students and communities have the right to physical activity and shared space.** The relationships between increased physical activity, community health and academic success are proven facts. For example, community organizations that have fought for and won joint use agreements around food and recreation note tangible improvements in the overall health of their constituents.

**Students and communities have the right to equitable facilities and school infrastructure.** We believe schools will be adequately funded when decision-making power is in the hands of those most impacted by our nation's school system. Schools must be funded in order to adequately equip students for their educational needs; are safe and in good repair; and convey the equal value of all children.

