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# **NAME OF SCHOOL OR (NUMBER) Schools in (DISTRICT NAME) Recognized for Dedication to Student, Staff, and Family Health in a Challenging School Year**

*School(s) nationally recognized for implementing best practices in nine health categories*

**(CITY, STATE), Octo****ber XX, 2022** – [NAME OF SCHOOL or NUMBER of SCHOOLS] across [DISTRICT OR CITY] is/are among the 406 schools nationwide to be named as [America’s Healthiest Schools](http://healthiergeneration.org/healthiestschools) for the 2021-2022 school year. The recognition, awarded by [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](http://www.healthiergeneration.org/), a leading children’s health organization, celebrates schools’ dedication to supporting the health and well-being of students, staff, and families.

This year, schools were recognized in nine categories, including:

* Strengthening Social-Emotional Health & Learning, *presented in collaboration with Harmony SEL at National University and Kaiser Permanente*
* Cultivating Staff Well-Being, *presented in collaboration with Harmony SEL at National University and Kaiser Permanente*
* Increasing Family & Community Engagement, *presented in collaboration with Kohl’s*

SCHOOL NAME(S) prioritized healthy policies and practices despite numerous challenges resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. They have continued to sustain and promote good health by:

* EXAMPLE #1
* EXAMPLE #2
* EXAMPLE #3

*[INSERT ADMINISTRATOR QUOTE IF DESIRED. EXAMPLE: “We’re honored to receive this national recognition for our dedication to supporting the well-being of students and staff and remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering environments where all members of the school community can succeed.”]*

“As we enter what is predicted to be another challenging school year, we commend the awardees for their resourcefulness and dedication to addressing the acute health and well-being needs off students, staff, and families,” said Kathy Higgins, chief executive officer at Healthier Generation. “This cohort of schools exemplifies the fortitude required to serve current and future generations with empathy and care.”

Healthier Generation’s list of America’s Healthiest Schools remains one of the country’s longest-running, nationwide recognition programs honoring schools for achievements in supporting the whole health of students, teachers, and staff. Any school can connect with Healthier Generation to access trainings, resources, and technical assistance by visiting [HealthierGeneration.org](http://www.healthiergeneration.org).

To view the complete list of awardees, visit [HealthierGeneration.org/HealthiestSchools](http://HealthierGeneration.org/HealthiestSchools).

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