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*This month NCSOPHE Advocacy spotlights Healthy Eating and Nutrition*

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## **ADVOCACY UPDATES**

### **9th Annual Advocacy Summit Focuses on School Health and Health Disparities**

Washington, DC is the place where you need to be for the Coalition of National Health Education Organization's Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit, March 11-13, 2006. Join health education and health promotion colleagues for a weekend filled with skill-building sessions designed to prepare you to communicate important messages about school health and eliminating health disparities.

Schools in North Carolina have been particularly concerned about increasing physical activity during the school day and incorporating healthier choices into school meals and a la carte options.

National: Governors promote healthier living with programs, actions

“Governors focus on improving constituents’ wellness”

Indianapolis Star (02/27/06) Maureen Groppe

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060227/NEWS06/602270402&SearchID=73237055215191>

Maryland: Lawmakers consider BMI, diabetes screenings for students

“Worried about kids, lawmakers considering bills to tackle health”

Associated Press (02/22/06) Kristen Wyatt

<http://www.wjla.com/printarticle.hrb?a=p&f=n&s=306262&f1=loc&stat=wjla>

“Soda targeted in fight against obesity”

The Associated Press (03/05/06) Marilyn Marchione

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-soured-on-soda,0,973202.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

“Schools to ban fizzy drinks and chocolate”

The Times (03/03/06) Alexandra Blair and Tony Halpin

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2067689,00.html>

***Cheers and Jeers IN LOCAL LEGISLATION***  
**2005-2006 Session**

**JEERS**

\*No jeers for this topic. Healthy eating initiatives often meet with positive reception, particularly in the school environment.



Senate Bill 269 Child Nutrition Standards passed 06/02/2005

House Bill 323 State Health Plan/Increase Wellness Benefit referred to Committee on Health  
02/21/2006

Senate Bill 188 Food Bank Funds referred to Appropriations Base Budget Committee



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