



September 12, 2023

Dear School/Community Partner,

Children and youth who begin each day as healthy individuals can learn more effectively and are more likely to complete their formal education. Responsibility for the physical, emotional, social, mental, and intellectual health of our youth belongs to their families and the entire community. It has been proven that effective coordinated school health programs can contribute to helping young people avoid health risks by increasing their skills to make responsible choices about behaviors that can affect their health.

The Port Arthur Independent School District has established a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to advise the school board and assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the district's health education plan. The School Health Advisory Council will advise and support the school's effort to assess the needs of individuals to become healthy, productive citizens of society.

As someone interested in the welfare of our children and community, you are cordially invited to join the district's advisory council. The PAISD SHAC will include parents, students, teachers, school administrators, community organizations, business representatives, health professionals, and other citizens with interest and concern. The purpose of our collaboration is to bring individuals and groups from our community together to address issues affecting the health and wellness of our children, youth, and families. Your participation is important to the success of SHAC and would be greatly appreciated.

**We hope that you accept this invitation and join us at our first virtual meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 3:15 p.m.** Recurring meeting access details are provided below. Please contact Dr. Denita Jones, Supervisor of Student Support Services, at (409) 989-6213 or [denita.jones@paisd.org](mailto:denita.jones@paisd.org) regarding your membership in the Port Arthur Independent School District's School Health Advisory Council.

We look forward to working with you to promote better health amongst our students and families.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Denita Jones*

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Supervisor of Student Support Services  
PAISD School Health Advisory Council

**JOIN THE VIRTUAL MEETING:** <http://meet.google.com/chj-anww-eqk>

**Future Virtual Meeting Dates**

November 13, 2023 – 3:15 PM

February 12, 2024 – 3:15 PM

May 13, 2024 – 3:15 PM

