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**Background Information:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires an assessment of Whitehall City Schools wellness policy a minimum of once every three years. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) may assess their policy more frequently if they wish.

**Timeline of Assessment:** The First Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs was due on June 30, 2020. This due date was waived due to the public health crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new deadline for the first triennial assessment is June 30, 2023. The Wellness Committee including community members, students, staff and parents met on 12/4/2024 to address, revise & update the district wellness policy. The Wellness Policy Assessment Tool provided by the Ohio Department of Education Office of Child Nutrition was utilized to assess how the policy and implementation of wellness practices in the district compare to the national standards set.

**Results:** The Wellness Committee met on two separate occasions with input from staff, students, administrators, and community members. The wellness policy was assessed and a wellness plan was created to address all required components. The Wellness Committee will meet once annually to review progress and goals on achieving the plan. The plan will be presented for approval from the Board of Education in January 2025. A thorough review will be completed on a triennial basis.

**Recordkeeping:** Whitehall City Schools must keep a copy of the most recent Triennial Assessment, along with supporting documentation on file. Triennial Assessments will be reviewed by the State Agency during the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Annual Review (AR). In accordance with Federal civil rights law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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