April 27, 2010

Dear SHAC Chairs:

As you know, North Carolina State Board of Education policy GCS-S-000 directs each school district to establish and maintain a local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to help plan, implement and monitor policy related to physical activity as well as other health issues as part of the coordinated school health approach. The local SHACs are to be composed of community and school representatives from the eight areas of coordinated school health (i.e. health education, physical education, nutrition services, health services, family and community involvement, healthy school environment, counseling psychological and social services and health promotion for staff). Representatives from the local health department, school administration and community should also be included on the SHAC. GCS-S-000 requires the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to notify each school district of the availability of professional development opportunities and provide technical assistance in implementing the coordinated school health approach at the local level.

In accordance with policy, the NC Healthy Schools Section is proud to invite you and your team to attend the 2010 Healthy Schools Institute (HSI), the premier SHAC intensive training event of the year!

“Allies in Action”: Promoting Accountability in Health and Academic Achievement
June 21-23, 2010 at Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC

This year’s Institute will offer a variety of sessions focused on assessment, application and action and will be facilitated by recognized state and national leaders. Workshop components will be centered on accountability and evidence based/promising practices.

Monday will begin with assessment and set the stage for this fun and exciting event. Tuesday will offer breakout sessions in three target areas: Instructional, Other School Services and Family/Parent and Community Involvement. Wednesday will conclude with intensive skill-building in action planning and highlights of best practice experiences. Attendees will be able to earn 12 contact hours to submit for continuing education credits (CEUs).
The Institute registration and attendance cost is $250 – per person/double occupancy/early registration made by May 14, 2010 and $300 – per person/double occupancy/late registration after May 14 – June 4, 2010. The registration covers your lodging and meals. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return by dates indicated. Also, we ask that SHAC teams register as a team by submitting all appropriate forms and the method of payment at one time (up to 8 members).

Please make checks payable to: North Carolina Public Health Foundation.

Send Registration Form(s) and copy of purchase order or check to:

North Carolina Public Health Foundation
Attn: Surabhi Aggarwal
Healthy Schools Institute
PO Box 18763
Raleigh, NC 27619
Fax: 919-870-4804

Please register early, as space will be limited. We hope to see you in Hickory, NC on June 21-23, 2010!

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