

District of Columbia Greater Washington Region 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda

To be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.

- ♥ **Healthy School Meals for All (DC, Local in MD):** Support expansion of healthy school meals with strong nutrition standards by maximizing participation in federal universal meal options and by prioritizing expansion for under-resourced schools with the greatest need.
- ♥ **Cardiac Events in Schools (DC, Local in MD, VA):** Support policies that require public schools to establish, utilize and maintain cardiac emergency response plans (CERP) for schools and school-based athletic facilities in accordance with AHA or nationally recognized standards.
- ♥ **CPR in Schools Implementation Funding (DC, Local in MD, VA):** Secure public funding for schools to continue implementing CPR training, which adheres to national guidelines, for high school graduation.
- ♥ **Water Access in Schools (DC):** Ensure no-charge, safe and appealing water is accessible during the school day or while children are in school buildings. Increase access to filling stations to encourage water consumption. Allow students to carry water bottles.
- ♥ **Healthy Food Access (DC, Local in MD, VA):** Support increasing the ability of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to use their benefits at markets and support funding for food as medicine programs that significantly increase SNAP benefits when used on fruits and vegetables.
- ♥ **Restrict the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products (DC):** Support effective and equitable implementation and enforcement of the law restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol.

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