



Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition

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Meet Executive Committee President Deb Cook

I am excited to introduce myself as the Chair of the Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition, a challenge I eagerly accept as I have always had a passion for the work of this organization. It is an added bonus to have an experienced and passionate executive committee to work with this year.

Surprisingly, my first exposure to MCSHC was before my experience as a school nurse. As a Health Occupations instructor interested in providing AIDS education in the early 1990s, I came across a MCSHC conference brochure offering a session on AIDS education and I leapt at the opportunity. It would become the first of many conferences attended as I transitioned to the school district's Director of Health Services in 1994. I joined the coalition in the late 1990s and was actively involved for several years.

The WSCC slogan; "Whole Child, Whole Community, Whole School," helped bring schools and related agencies together to better accomplish the heart of the slogan. Our work together is vital, which is why I love the work of the coalition and my driving force as a school nurse.

The executive committee continually works toward empowering the coalition to be active in meeting our vision; All Missouri students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported and positively challenged for a successful future.

I also want to personally invite you to attend our upcoming conference. We hope you will join us February 22-24, 2023 at Lake of the Ozarks for ***Building a Healthy Community, One Student, One School, and One Community at a Time.***

-Deb Cook

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2022 Annual Conference Building A Healthy School: One Student, One School & One Community at a Time

Our 30th Annual Conference will be held at The Lodge of Four Seasons, 315 Four Seasons Dr. Lake Ozark, MO 65049. The conference will kick off four pre-conference sessions sponsored by Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Missouri Association of School Nurses. The call for presenters along with exhibit registrations can be found on the coalition's [website](#). Deadline for presentation submissions is December, 1, 2022!

22' American Diabetes Month

Did you know November is American Diabetes Month? The American Diabetes Association just launched its 2022 campaign "Today's Diabetes HITS Different". Diabetes has different risk factors and complications and hits different communities in its own way. Thanks to new technologies and better resources along with a community that is stronger than ever, we are better prepared. Although diabetes today hits different, this month, so will we! Check out www.diabetes.org/hitsdifferent for more information and to support this year's campaign!

#DiabetesHitsDifferent #ADM2022

For more on Diabetes Management, check out this podcast Missouri Healthy Schools did featuring one of our Missouri School Nurses Dr. Katherine Park! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIEO9w9A-8A>

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