

Local Matters

PARTNERING for HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

November 20, 2019

Contact: Sarah Miller

Local Matters

716-208-6778 (cell)

smiller@local-matters.org

Statewide Organizations Rally Support for Health Education Standards in Ohio

Columbus-based nonprofit [Local Matters](#) and a growing list of statewide organizations are rallying support for the implementation of health education standards in Ohio. Leaders from American Heart Association, Children's Defense Fund Ohio, Children's Hunger Alliance, Live Healthy Appalachia, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Ohio Afterschool Network, The Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Ohio Education Association, Ohio Federation of Teachers, and Ohio School Counselor Association have come together to sign a letter of support for Ohio Senate Bill 121.

Michelle Moskowitz Brown, Executive Director with Local Matters shares: "Ohio is the only state without health education standards for K-12 students. By not having statewide standards, we are denying our children consistent access to education that can give them the tools to lead healthy, productive lives. Given the many public health challenges Ohio is facing, it seems prudent that our legislators grant Ohio Board of Education the ability to create standards to meet our children's needs."

Senate Bill 121, introduced by Senator Stephanie Kunze (R-16) and Senator Vernon Sykes (D-28), is currently being considered by the Education Committee. Proponents of the bill encourage Ohioans to call their representatives and express their support for Senate Bill 121 and health education standards in Ohio.

About Local Matters

Local Matters' mission is to create healthy communities through food education, access, and advocacy. Founded in 2008, Local matters works toward equitable access to a sustainable food system and a world free of food-related chronic disease. For more information, visit [local-matters.org](#) or call 614-263-5662.

###