Policy Strategies to Improve Physical Activity and Education in Schools

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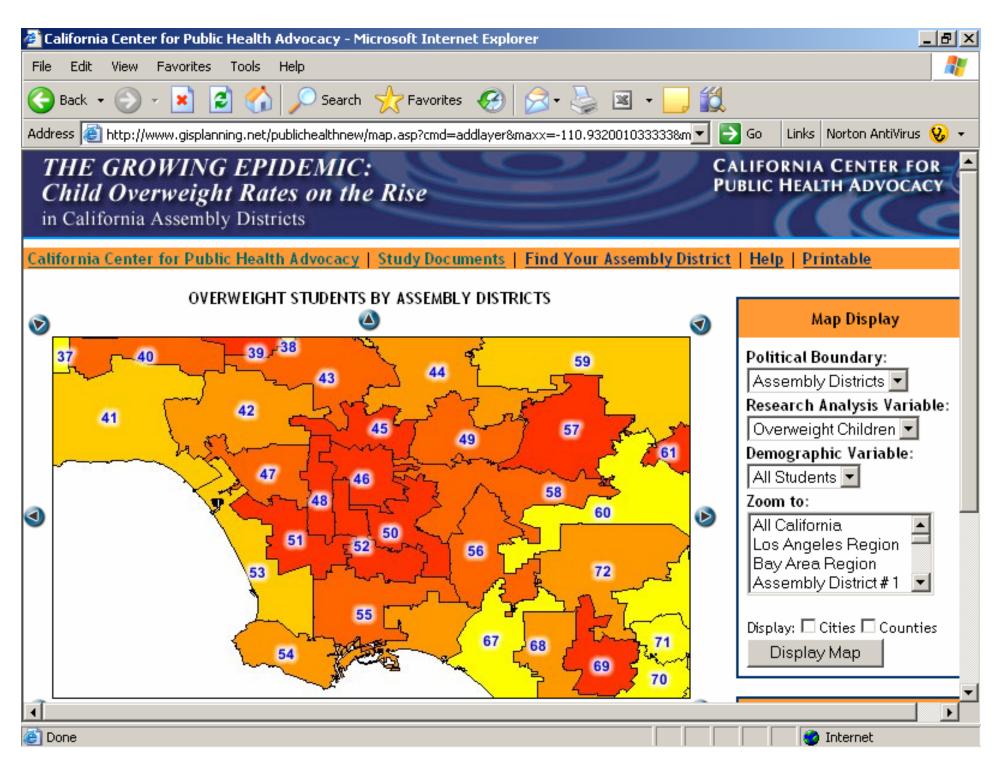






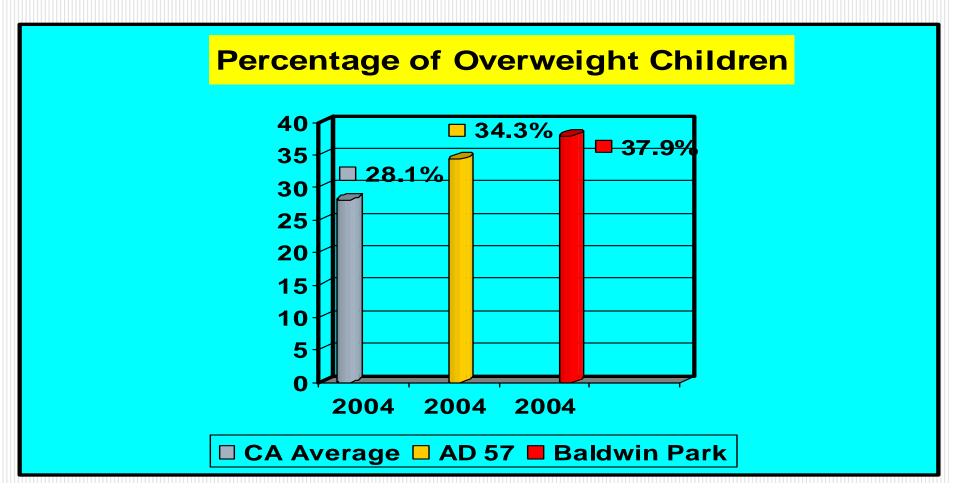






Rate of Childhood Overweight California Assembly District 57 v. Baldwin Park

Statewide, District and Community averages of all students tested.



The 57th Assembly District, where Baldwin Park is located, has one of the youngest in the County, with 80% of residents under age 35.



Life Before P.E. Standards and Accountability

- ☐ There was no structured or consistent P.E. program in the school district in grades 1-6. The focus was on language arts and math instruction.
- □ Secondary P.E. programs were outdated and ineffective.
- ☐ There was a lack of equipment at all grade levels.

Life Before P.E. Standards and Accountability

- □ The state-required Physical Fitness Test at grades 5, 7, and 9 was not taken seriously.
- Due to a lack of focus on physical education and training for P.E. teachers, the majority of our students were not passing the state test.

Standards and Accountability

- □ In 2005, Grades K-12 California Physical Education Content Standards were adopted. (www.cde.ca.gov)
- ☐ The physical education model content standards represent the essential skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a physically active, healthy lifestyle.

Standards and Accountability

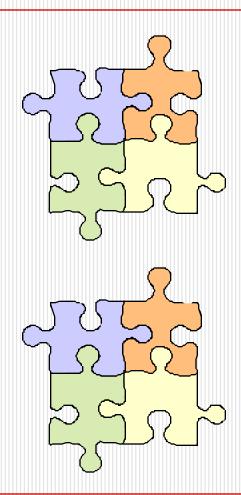
- Education Code 51210 requires 200 minutes of physical education every 10 school days for students in grades 1-6.
- Education Code 51222 requires 400 minutes of physical education every 10 school days for students in grades 7-12.
- ☐ The model content standards provide guidance for developing physical education programs by identifying what each student in California should know and be able to do at each grade level.

Healthy Eating Active Communities Initiative

- In 2004, the California Endowment funded six sites in California to address children's food and physical activity environments.
- □ The school district became a funded partner along with the Department of Public Health and a community-based organization.
- □ This initiative provided the district with resources, funding, and support to make P.E. a priority.

BPUSD AND HEAC MOVE INTO ACTION

Personnel
Professional
Development
Curriculum &
Resources
Program
Articulation
Ongoing Monitoring



Personnel

- Director of Student Achievement (Curriculum and Instruction)
- HEAC Teacher on Special Assignment To assist in the development of P.E. curriculum and provide professional development to teachers.

Professional Development

- All teachers and administrators were trained in the California Physical Education Content Standards.
- All 5th, 7th and 9th grade P.E. teachers received in-depth training on the California Physical Fitness Test.
- The HEAC newsletter is sent to all district staff and parents to emphasize the importance of physical activity and healthy eating.

Curriculum & Resources

- Standards-based Curriculum Guides were developed by a committee of teachers for grades K-6, including:
- California State Standards
- Sample daily schedules
- Class management and organization ideas
- □ Warm-up and cool down ideas
- □ Sample lessons
- Indoor activities for inclement weather
- Physical Fitness Test Guidelines
- ☐ Glossary of P.E. Terms
- All K-6 teachers received a guide and training.

Curriculum & Resources

Standards-based course outlines were developed by a committee of secondary P.E. teachers for grades 7-12, including State standards Course content Assessment Course methodology Universal access strategies Physical Fitness Test preparation Personal Fitness Goal chart for students Vocabulary All secondary P.E. teachers received a course outline and training.

Curriculum & Resources

- California Block Grant for Music, Art, and P.E. provided funding for the purchase of P.E. equipment and materials.
- □ Each secondary site received a portion of these funds and was able to submit a "Wish List" of desired items. To be approved, items had to aligned to the standards, the state Physical Fitness Test, and meet a site identified need.
- The elementary funds are currently being held until an appropriate P.E. program can be identified for grades K-6 district-wide.

Program Articulation

- A Physical Fitness Curriculum Articulation Team (CAT) was formed with representatives from each school spanning grades K-12.
- □ The purpose of the P.E. CAT is to provide teachers with the opportunity to collaborate and articulate about our P.E. programs.
- The P.E. CAT encourages open communication between district personnel and teachers.
- The team helps to maintain the focus on physical education district-wide.

Program Monitoring

- □ Teachers are required by their principals to meet the mandated P.E. minutes (lesson plans and observation)
- Physical Fitness Test Data Analysis
- ☐ Site visitation during P.E. by district administrators
- □ Development of a High School P.E. Task Force (Department Chairs, Site and District Administrators)

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For more information contact . . .

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On behalf of BPUSD:

☐ Thank you for your time.

☐ Questions?????