



The Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education

Statement for Equity and Justice

Rosemary Reilly-Chammat, Ed.D., President of the Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education, and the Society's Leadership Team is proud to share, with our membership, this statement of solidarity and support to the populations we serve across our nation.

Ongoing events that have culminated in the recent uprisings across the country are a harsh reminder of the critical work needed to create fundamental change and address systemic inequities. For the last 94 years, the Society and its members work each day to build skills, facilitate constructive exchanges of ideas and resources, influence stakeholders of the value of a healthy school culture and climate (as well as in the community), and collaborate with others to leverage resources that create positive synergy. We work every day to build systems to ensure that all of the nation's children and youth can lead healthy, active, and productive lives.

There is much work that needs to be done to ensure that every child, no matter who they are or where they live, has access to the same opportunities for good health, education, and economic security. We recognize inequities that exist across race, socioeconomic indicators and built environments that create persistent disparities in health and education outcomes.

We are proud to work with many great national organizations to address critical issues and inequities for the most vulnerable and disenfranchised. We are proud to be a part of groups that promote quality education and a safe and healthy (physically, mentally, and emotionally) environment in the school and beyond. Children and youth need strong role models encouraging a safe environment to grow in and to learn effectively. We pledge to stand in solidarity with others to do our part to promote equity and justice.