

From the Desk of Dr. Douglas

As the Executive Director of Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), I am excited to expand our communication and resources to our school partners. TCHD's programs and services may impact all 15 school districts and 360 public schools in our jurisdiction of Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties. See map below of the TCHD area. Recently, TCHD commissioned John Snow Incorporated (JSI) to complete focus groups with school partners. Thirty-five staff from thirteen school districts participated in the research. The participants came from various areas or divisions within their districts, including Child Care, Clinical, Communications, Food Service, Instruction, Safety and Security, Supervision and Wellness Grant Coordinators.

One of the results of the focus groups was for TCHD to communicate more health information to schools that will be useful for staff, parents, and students. Feel free to utilize information in these newsletters to communicate with your partners. Please contact Joanne Holden at <u>jholden@tchd.org</u> or 303-783-7160 for more information.

Enjoy your summer break!

