Summary

The grant funds allowed the district to build on its success with increasing water availability from the previous year. The track and stadium had no water source for students and community members who use the facility. An outdoor water bottle filling station was purchased and installed at the stadium. Water bottles were purchased to give to all students and staff. Middle school and high school students receive the water bottles during the HUSSC award assembly on April 16, 2015. Elementary students will receive their water bottles in May when they use the track and stadium area for their annual Fun Day.

Success Strategies

Place water bottle filling stations in high traffic areas for maximum use by students, staff and the community

Students and staff have enjoyed the addition of the water bottle filling stations and are asking for more!

Challenges

One of the stations purchased in 2013-14 had to be moved due to a compatibility that was already present.
Results

Students and staff have enjoyed the addition of the water bottle filling stations. A pre- and post-water availability survey was sent to students in 7th-10th grade.

- Over 78% of the students taking the post-survey had used the water-bottle filling station.
- 64% said that having the station had increased their water consumption during the school day.
- Even students that usually bring their water from home stated, “I like the availability if I were to forget my water one day.”
- Several staff and students have asked if we can install more.
- “I think that the water bottle station is a smart thing to put in the school. I honestly really like it,” stated one student.

Future Directions

The secondary building will be going through a major construction project in the next couple of years. The goal is to increase the number of water bottle filling stations. The school district is also investigating funding opportunities to install a station at the elementary building.

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