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## **Braggs district's health efforts recognized**

School officials from Braggs were recognized recently by the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) for their efforts to improve the health and well-being of students, faculty and staff at Braggs Public Schools, a media release states.

Michael Broyles, superintendent from Braggs Public Schools, was recognized during the Muskogee County Turning Point Coalition meeting, held at the Muskogee County Health Department. Braggs School District received a \$3,000 grant as part of the TSET's Healthy School District Incentive Grant program.

The Healthy Schools Incentive Grant criteria focus on strengthening and approving a district 24/7 tobacco-free policy and updating the district wellness policy to include best and promising practices that focus on nutrition and physical activity and help make the healthy choice the easy choice. Braggs School District will use the grant funds to purchase cardiovascular and physical activity equipment and supplies. Grant funds may be used for projects that advance health, and award amounts are based on district enrollment.

School districts and school sites that have been recognized by the Certified Healthy Oklahoma program and meet TSET incentive grant criteria are eligible to apply for incentive grants. The Certified Healthy Oklahoma program is a partnership between the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, the Oklahoma Turning Point Council, the State Chamber and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Incentive grant awards for schools are based on enrollment and the level of criteria achieved. The individual school sites will use the grant funds for a variety of health improving projects including leveraging other funds for larger projects such as sidewalk construction, or projects that involve health education, or physical education equipment and curriculum.



Doug Walton, left, Muskogee County Health Department; Jason Shelor, Cherokee Nation; Mike Broyles, Braggs Public Schools; Sharon Howard, TSET