



John Stevens has spent thirty-four years as an Iowa educator. He entered the Grundy Center School District as the elementary principal in 1999. Since 2003 John has worked to improve the K-12 physical education program as well as advance the health and well being of the students and citizens of Grundy Center as superintendent of schools. He helped create a fitness facility and Y.M.C.A. within the high school where students have free memberships and reduced rates for staff. He created the district's wellness committee, before the federal mandate. He was one of the first in Iowa to remove pop and unhealthy snack items from the school. He formed a nutrition team that revamped the lunch program. He has partnered with the University of Northern Iowa to create an innovative full immersion "Teaching with Technology" masters degree program for physical education that uses the Grundy Center Physical Education Program as a model for delivery of cutting edge "best practice" for integrating technology into physical education. John has been a guest speaker at National PE Day in Washington D.C. and presented at numerous national conferences on the importance of quality physical education programs. Mr. Stevens has also been a guest speaker at the Iowa State Leaders Conference and served as a panelist for a national health briefing sponsored by the Commission to Build a Healthier America (US Dept. of Health). The spring of 2010 the Grundy Center Community School District hosted the Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2010. Mr. Stevens was recognized by the Governor of the State of Iowa as the 2010 Healthy Iowa Visionary Award recipient. Mr. Stevens is currently the Outreach Coordinator for Live Healthy Iowa.