

2010 Kansas School Administrator of the Year

The School Administrator award goes to the administration team from Seaman School District. **Mike Mathes** is the superintendent and **Carolyn Orozco** is the assistant superintendent. They have both been tremendous advocates for student and staff health and safety and understand how children's health shapes their ability to succeed at school, and how the school environment shapes children's health. Another aspect of their leadership focuses on the reality that schools are key places in which to promote healthy environments, healthy food, and active lifestyles, which can reverse the current trends in chronic and acute disease, and provide a context for student achievement and well-being. They help to bring about change in policy and practice that create a healthy school environment. They engage school nurses to develop and implement wellness and environmental health practices and policies at the school and district levels and to advocate for state-level policy changes that will make a difference for our children of today and in the future.