

I work in a large suburban/small city school. Everyday we encourage attendance. But for some children matters such as toothaches, sore throats, or anxious moods threaten to keep them out of their classes. We are most fortunate to be able to level the playing field for those children by offering them vital preventive and early intervention care at their school site. Dental exams and care, throat cultures, counseling all allow children to get well and to participate fully in their education. When they can do so, these children feel not only healthier but empowered to set and meet goals for themselves. And we break cycles of chronic unmanaged medical issues such as asthma and diabetes. Wont you please take the time today to place a value on these critical services for children and youth? Vote to support school based health centers

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