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## Funding awarded for more than 90 new or expanded school-based health centers across Connecticut

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 2023** — The School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA), the national voice for school-based health care, today announced that 20 organizations have been awarded one-time funding to provide coordinated, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate health care services at more than 90 new or expanded school-based health centers (SBHCs) in 30 communities across Connecticut.

"This funding will significantly improve students' access to health care throughout Connecticut," said Robert Boyd, President and CEO of the School-Based Health Alliance. "By conveniently providing primary, mental health, or dental care in schools, students can get back to class quickly and continue learning."

SBHCs are partnerships between schools and community health organizations to provide health care where students spend most of their time – in schools. Parents or guardians provide consent for their children to receive care.

The funding was made possible by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, which chose SBHA to administer the funds and provide training and technical assistance for awarded organizations.

A competitive review process narrowed the 133 applications submitted by 24 sponsoring organizations (such as school districts, community health organizations, behavioral health organizations, or nonprofits) to the sites that were awarded funds. Awarded organizations can use the funds to support the workforce for outreach, primary care, equipment purchases, mental or behavioral health, telehealth, mobile services, dental care, and health promotion or education.

"We are delighted to have been chosen to receive funding that will enable our Hartford Public Schools' Dental Program to transition to a digital x-ray system," said Deborah Chameides, Director of Nursing and Clinical Services at Hartford Public Schools, which operates 17 school-based dental centers in the district. "This important upgrade to our program will improve our efficiency and help us continue to provide the high standard of care that our students deserve."

Klingberg Family Centers provides critical mental health services to three elementary schools in the Consolidated School District of New Britain. The funding will allow Klingberg "to substantially

increase our services in these schools, from two to three days a week to a full five days a week," said Steven Girelli, Ph.D., President and CEO at Klingberg Family Services.

Throughout the funding period, SBHA will provide monthly training and technical assistance, collect and review data, oversee and disburse funds, provide resources, and facilitate a learning network with awardees. The SBHA consulting team has decades of combined experience working with teams in planning, implementing, operating, evaluating, and improving community-provided school-based health care. Learn more at <u>https://www.sbh4all.org/consulting-services/</u>.

At this time, the following organizations have been awarded funding:

SBHC Site	City	County	Туре
Charter Oak Health Center Inc.			
Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School	Hartford	Hartford	New
A.I. Prince Technical High School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Capital Preparatory Magnet School	Hartford	Hartford	New
Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connection	<u>ut</u>		
Charles Barnum Elementary School	Groton	New London	New
Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School	Mystic	New London	New
Ella T. Grasso Technical High School	Groton	New London	New
Catherine Kolnaski STEAM Magnet School	Groton	New London	Expansion
Groton Middle School	Groton	New London	Expansion
Robert E. Fitch High School	Groton	New London	Expansion
Mystic River Magnet School	Mystic	New London	Expansion
Thames River Magnet School	Groton	New London	Expansion
Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School	New London	New London	Expansion
C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School	New London	New London	Expansion
Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School	New London	New London	Expansion
New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus	New London	New London	Expansion
Regional Multicultural Magnet School	New London	New London	Expansion
Winthrop STEM Elementary School	New London	New London	Expansion
Stonington Middle School	Pawcatuck	New London	Expansion
The Friendship School	Waterford	New London	Expansion
Gales Ferry/Juliet Long School	Gales Ferry	New London	New
Gallup Hill Elementary School	Ledyard	New London	New
Ledyard Middle School	Gales Ferry	New London	New
Ledyard High School	Ledyard	New London	New
Stonington High School	Pawcatuck	New London	New
West Vine Street School	Pawcatuck	New London	New

Community Health & Wellness Center				
Torrington Middle School & Oliver Wolcott Technical School	Torrington	Litchfield	Expansion	
Community Health Center Inc.				
J.M. Wright Technical High School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion	
	Stratford	Fairfield	Expansion	
Frank Scott Bunnell High School			Expansion	
Strawberry Hill Elementary School	Stamford	Fairfield	New	
Stratford Academy: Johnson House	Stratford	Fairfield	New	
Newfield Elementary School	Stamford	Fairfield	New	
Roxbury Elementary School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion	
Broad Brook Elementary School	Broad Brook	Hartford	Expansion	
Thelma Ellis Dickerson's Jumoke Academy Elementary School	Hartford	Hartford	New	
Northend Elementary School	New Britain	Hartford	Expansion	
Enfield Street Elementary School	Enfield	Hartford	Expansion	
Chamberlain Elementary School	New Britain	Hartford	Expansion	
Spencer Elementary	Middletown	Middlesex	Expansion	
H.C. Wilcox Technical High School	Meriden	New Haven	Expansion	
Washington Middle School	Meriden	New Haven	Expansion	
John Berry Elementary	Meriden	New Haven	Expansion	
Connecticut Institute for Communities Inc.				
Henry Abbott Technical High School	Danbury	Fairfield	Expansion	
Cornell Scott Hill Health Corp.				
Helen Street School	Hamden	New Haven	New	
Ridge Hill School	Hamden	New Haven	New	
Dunbar Hill School	Hamden	New Haven	New	
Savin Rock Community School	West Haven	New Haven	New	
Washington Elementary School	West Haven	New Haven	New	
Danbury Public Schools (with Connecticut Institute for Communities Inc.)				
Ellsworth Avenue School	Danbury	Fairfield	Expansion	
Fair Haven Community Health Care				
Ross Woodward Classical Studies Magnet School	New Haven	New Haven	New	
Family Centers Inc.				
Cloonan Middle School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion	
Dolan Middle School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion	
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Rippowam Middle School/Academy of Information Technology & Engineering (AITE)	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion
Stamford High School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion
Stillmeadow Elementary School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion
Turn of River Middle School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion
Westhill High School	Stamford	Fairfield	Expansion

Hartford Public Schools			
Dwight Bellizzi Dual Language Academy	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Burns Latino Studies Academy	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Betances Early Reading Lab Magnet School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Hartford Public High School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
R.J. Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
McDonough Middle School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Dr. Michael D. Fox School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Thirman L. Milner Middle School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Moylan Expeditionary Learning Academy	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Parkville Community School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Sarah J. Rawson Elementary School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Maria C. Colon Sanchez School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
S.A.N.D. School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Weaver High School (Kinsella High School)	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
West Middle School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Fred D. Wish Museum School	Hartford	Hartford	Expansion

Integrated Health Services Inc.			
Connecticut River Academy	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Riverside Magnet School	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Connecticut River Academy Middle School	East Hartford	Hartford	New

InterCommunity Health Care			
East Hartford High School	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
John A. Langford Elementary	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Sunset Ridge Middle School	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Woodland School	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Synergy Alternative High School	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
East Hartford Middle School	East Hartford	Hartford	Expansion
Illing Middle School	Manchester	Hartford	New

Klingberg Family Centers			
Vance Elementary School	New Britain	Hartford	Expansion
Lincoln Elementary School	New Britain	Hartford	Expansion
Jefferson Elementary School	New Britain	Hartford	Expansion
Middletown Public Schools			
Beman Middle School	Middletown	Middlesex	Expansion
Middletown High School	Middletown	Middlesex	Expansion
Norwalk Community Health Center Inc.			
Ponus Ridge STEAM Academy	Norwalk	Fairfield	New
Optimus Health Care Inc.			
Luis Munoz Marin School	Bridgeport	Fairfield	Expansion
Southwest Community Health Center Inc.			
Geraldine Johnson Elementary School	Bridgeport	Fairfield	New
United Community and Family Services Inc.			
John B. Stanton Elementary School	Norwich	New London	Expansion
Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School	Norwich	New London	Expansion
Leonard J. Tyl Middle School	Oakdale	New London	New
Wheeler Clinic Inc.			
DiLoreto Elementary & Middle School	New Britain	Hartford	Expansion
Windham Public Schools			
North Windham Elementary School	North Windham	Windham	New

## About the School-Based Health Alliance

Since 1995, the School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, has supported and advocated for high-quality healthcare in schools for the nation's most vulnerable children. Working at the intersection of healthcare and education, SBHA is recognized as a leader in the field and a source of information on best practices by philanthropic, federal, state, and local partners and policymakers. To learn more, please visit www.sbh4all.org.