

## DHD#10 AND MCBAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF THEIR CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WELLNESS CENTER

June 17, 2022 - District Health Department #10 (DHD#10), in collaboration with McBain Agricultural Rural Schools, has been awarded grant funding to provide McBain Public Schools a School Wellness Program. The program is jointly funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

MDHHS and MDE embrace the notion that "healthy kids learn better" and have collaborated to establish the School Wellness Program with the aim of increasing access to basic health care for children and teens in Michigan.

School Wellness Programs promote the health of children, adolescents, and their families by providing important nursing and mental health services. These centers provide care for sickness and injuries, immunizations, referrals for care, and mental health assessments, and counseling for students ages 5-21. These services are available to youth who are uninsured, under-insured, and those with public or private insurance coverage.

"We are thrilled to be adding this Health Center for students at McBain Public School," said Katy Bies, School Health Director for DHD#10. "Research demonstrates that School Based Health Centers often help increase test scores, reduce attendance problems, address behavioral problems, strengthen support services for at-risk students, decrease school violence and help schools meet increased immunization requirements."

We would like to invite parents, teachers, school staff, and community members to join us in our first Advisory Council meeting on Thursday June 30th at 2pm, this meeting will be held virtually.

To register for this virtual meeting and learn more about School Wellness Program at McBain Rural Agricultural Schools please contact Emily Jo Mulder Ruetz at [eruetz@dhd10.org](mailto:eruetz@dhd10.org).

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