



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Muscogee County School District is exploring the possibility of opening a School-Based Health Center (SBHC) to provide physical, dental, and mental health services for students in our school district.

We are in the process of conducting a needs assessment to determine the specific health needs of students and their families. In order to help us plan for the SBHC, we would like to survey you about what you see as the health needs of your child/children. This information will help us decide what our greatest needs are and what types of services and programs to offer at the center. Your answers will be completely confidential. Click the link below to complete the Needs Assessment Survey. Information about SBHC's is also included below:

[Click here to access survey!](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AWAREPARENTS)

or, copy and paste the address below into your web browser:
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Why School-Based Health Centers?

Access to Health Care For All Children

School-based health centers provide health care to all children who have parental permission, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay (**often at no cost or low cost**).

Regular Preventive Care

When health care is far away, expensive, or difficult to access, children are less likely to receive regular preventive care. School-based health centers offer care where the children are -- in schools.

Keeping Children in School

School-based health centers help keep children in school and ready to learn, treating acute and chronic health problems immediately and returning students to class as soon as possible.

Strong Parent and School Support

When parents give permission for their child to be seen at a school-based health center, they know they will not have to miss work to care for minor problems, and that their child will receive prompt attention from health providers trained at working with youth. School administrators and teachers are extremely supportive of school-based health centers because health centers allow them to focus on their role of educating students who are healthy and ready to learn.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the completion of the survey.

Sincerely,

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