



January 14, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The City of Bridgeport and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) are pleased to announce that Optimus Health Care and Southwest Community Health Center will be operating the City of Bridgeport School Based Health Center (SBHC) Program beginning March 1, 2009.

Medical and mental health services will continue to be offered at each of the city’s ten SBHC sites. In addition, each SBHC is now partnered with a local Community Health Center (CHC), enabling students to access a range of comprehensive primary care year-round. Basic oral health services, primarily screenings and some cleanings will be available at those SBHC sites with dental suites, while other dental work will be provided at partner CHC sites (please see attached list). Physicians with admitting privileges at Bridgeport Hospital staff both CHCs.

The SBHC sites will be open every day the school is open and will remain open two weeks after school closes in June and re-open two weeks before the beginning of school in August. The partner CHCs will provide primary care at their various clinical sites during the summer months as well as some holidays, Saturdays, and after school hours.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: If your child is currently enrolled with a Bridgeport SBHC and you wish to have him/her continue receiving services, no action is required from you. The release form signed by you for the 2008/2009 school year remains active and valid.

If your child is currently enrolled in a Bridgeport SBHC and you do not want your child to receive services as of March 1, 2009, you must notify your school using the form below:

Bridgeport SBHC Withdrawal Form

By returning this form, I acknowledge that my child is currently enrolled with a Bridgeport SBHC and **do not give permission** for my child to receive services any longer:

(Please Print)

My child’s name is: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All Bridgeport SBHCs will remain open during the transition period, and every effort is being made to provide continuity of service as this transition progresses. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Barbara Garrity at the Bridgeport Board of Education at 275-1324 Ludwig Spinelli at Optimus Health Care at (203) 696-3260, ext. 3349, or Katherine Yacavone at Southwest Community Health Center at (203) 332-3501.

Sincerely,

Lynn Townshend
CT Department of Public Health

John Di Donato
Bridgeport Board of Education

SBHC Location

Warren Harding High School
JFK Campus
Columbus School
Dunbar School
Luis Munoz Marin

Partner Community Health Center

Optimus Health Care, 982 East Main Street
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SBHC Location

Central High School

Bassick High School

Blackham School

Roosevelt School

Read School

Partner Community Health Center

Southwest Community Health Center,
968 Fairfield Avenue
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