

South Lewis Central Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great excitement that I notify you that our School-Based Health Center (SBHC), in partnership with Lewis County General Hospital, is now open and ready to see students. The SBHC is open to all students in the District, grade UPK to 12th.

The SBHC is located at the Middle-High School and is staffed with a Physician's Assistant (Kim Palmowski, RPA-C) and Nurse (Heather Kent, LPN). A Supervising Physician/Medical Doctor also meets with the staff on a regular basis to monitor the care of the students in this program. The SBHC will be open all school days from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

A SBHC provides complete physical, mental, and preventative health services to students. It is designed to provide easy access to health care for students. A SBHC is basically a doctor's office, clinic, or urgent care facility for your child. Additionally, there are no out-of-pocket expenses, such as co-pays or deductibles, for clinic visits.

In order for your child to visit the SBHC clinic they will need to be enrolled. Attached to this letter is a brochure and enrollment form. The enrollment form can be returned to your child's teacher or to the SBHC. Additionally, staff from the SBHC have been/will be available at the school district Open Houses to answer any questions you may have or to enroll your child. Enrollment in the SBHC does not replace your current doctor or Primary Care Physician.

For elementary students located at Port Leyden or Glenfield, school transportation will be available for any visits to and from the clinic during school hours. Parents will be notified before any transportation or clinic visits take place and invited to participate.

Having this School-Based Health Center for our students is a great opportunity. We hope that all parents will enroll their child(ren). In time, I am confident our students and families will learn of the value and importance this can have for all of us.

Should you have any questions, please contact the SBHC staff at 315-348-2585 or Mr. Brian Oaks, South Lewis Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at 315-348-2520.

Sincerely,



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