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May 21, 2010

Dear School Based Health Center Steering Committee Member,

I would like to express my great appreciation to you for serving on the Steering Committee to establish a school based health center program within the Anchorage School District. It is only because of the significant work and support from community members like you that we have received approval and initial funding to establish this program. We were able to offer the first sports physicals in March 2010 and anticipate expanding to more services in the fall.

Since we have gotten past the initial hurdles of official approval and initial funding, we are now transitioning to an implementation process from an advocacy process. Part of this includes concluding the Steering Committee process to form the two groups that will have an ongoing role in the operations of the health center:

1. The School Health Center Advisory Council. This group will provide overall policy guidance for school based health centers within the Anchorage School Board's policy and ASD administrative guidelines, and will provide representation by a diverse set of stakeholders. A more detailed description and composition of this group was previously developed by the Steering Committee, and is attached for your convenience.
2. The Implementation Team. This is a working group that will focus on immediate tasks to ready the Clark School Based Health Center for its expanded operations in the fall of 2010. Tasks would include recruiting and confirming volunteer health care providers, developing the core policies and procedures needed to function with volunteers, potentially helping to fine tune grant proposals, physically setting up the health center space, and assisting with summer community engagement activities.

If you wish to be involved with either group, please contact Tari O'Connor at 907.227.8219 or tarioconnor@yahoo.com by May 27. Membership on the School Health Center Advisory Council will need to reflect the types of representatives we all previously decided on, and the ASD superintendent will have to approve appointments, so while we can't guarantee that everyone who wants to take part will be on the advisory council; for the most part, we will be able to include you if you're interested. Membership on the implementation team should reflect the expertise needed to complete the tasks we have to accomplish.

Whether or not you choose to continue to be closely involved again, thank you

for everything you've done to help us come this far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Comeau".

Carol Comeau
Superintendent

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