

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
New Milford Public Schools
50 East Street
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

DATE:	June 10, 2021
TIME:	7:00 P.M.
PLACE:	Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

While this is an in-person meeting for Board of Education members and district staff, due to COVID-19 restrictions on capacity and social distancing requirements that make public attendance impossible, members of the public will be permitted to attend the meeting via the Zoom link provided below. Closed captioning is available through Zoom.

There will be live public comment offered through the Zoom format for items on the agenda. Public comment may also be emailed to suptoffice@newmilfordps.org for distribution to Board members.

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AGENDA

New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

An individual may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda for the meeting subject to the following provisions:

- A. A three-minute time limit may be allocated to each speaker with a maximum of twenty minutes being set aside per meeting. The Board may, by a majority vote, cancel or adjust these time limits.
- B. If a member of the public comments about the performance of an employee or a Board member, whether positive, negative, or neutral, and whether named or not, the Board shall not respond to such comments unless the topic is an explicit item on the agenda and the employee or the Board member has been provided with the requisite notice and due process required by law. Similarly, in accordance with federal law pertaining to student confidentiality, the Board shall not respond to or otherwise discuss any comments that might be made pertaining to students.

3. ITEM FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. School-Based Health Centers

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What are School Based Health Centers/Clinics (SBHCs)?

- Free standing medical clinics located within or on the grounds of schools.
- Licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) as hospital satellite clinics or outpatient clinics.
- Licensed by the Department of Children and Families, Department of Public Health or both to provide mental/behavioral health services. (Effective: 1/1/14)
- The result of partnerships between the schools in which they are located, the sponsoring agency and the community.
- Available to all students, regardless of income or health care coverage, who are enrolled in the school in which the SBHC is located. Parent/guardian permission is required to access clinical services. Some health promotion/education activities are open to all students regardless of enrollment.

SBHCS

1. **Provide comprehensive care where kids are located-in school.**
2. **Open to all enrolled in the school regardless of ability to pay.**
3. **Work collaboratively with schools, parents and the community.**
4. **Ensure that students are healthy and ready to learn.**

What are the benefits of SBHCs?

- Tend to unmet health care needs by placing health care where the kids are and when they need it.
- Supports students by providing a safe place to talk about sensitive issues such as depression, family problems, relationships, and substance abuse.
- Supports the school environment by helping children stay in school and by identifying and addressing health problems that may interfere in the learning process.
- Supports families by allowing parents to stay at work while attending to their child's routine health care needs.
- Saves money by keeping children out of hospitals and emergency rooms.

History of SBHCs in Connecticut



- The first SBHC in Connecticut opened in 1981 and the first DPH funded SBHC opened in 1985.
- DPH currently funds 92 School Based Health Services programs in 27 communities statewide. Of those 80 (87%) are SBHCs and provide the full complement of SBHC programming. The other 12 (13%) Expanded School Health programs offer more limited services.

Staffing

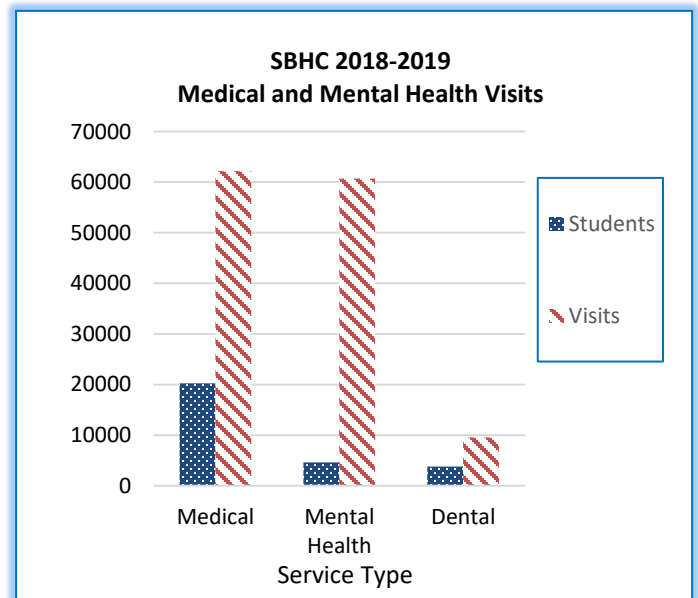
- SBHCs are staffed by an interdisciplinary team of professionals with expertise in child and adolescent health.
- Care is provided under the clinical direction of a medical director/designated physician.
- Minimum staffing includes a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)/ Physician's Assistant and a licensed Mental Health Clinician (MHC).
- Other staff may include: Medical assistants, outreach workers, support personnel, health educators, nutritionists, etc.

Services

- Diagnosis and treatment of acute injuries and illnesses
- Managing/monitoring chronic disease
- Physical exams
- Immunizations
- Prescribing and dispensing medications
- Reproductive health
- Laboratory testing
- Health education/promotion/risk reduction activities
- Crisis intervention
- Individual, group and family counseling
- Outreach
- Oral Health (In some locations)
- Referral and follow-up for specialty care
- Linkages to community based providers

Access and Utilization

In 2018-2019, a total of 20,216 students made 62,159 medical visits, an average of 3.1 visits per student. A total of 4,589 students made a total of 60,697 mental/behavioral health visits, an average of 13.2 visits per student. A total of 3,814 students made 9,557 dental visits, an average of 2.5 visits per student.



More Information

- CT Department of Public Health SBHC Webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Family-Health/School-Based-Health-Centers/School-Based-Health-Centers>
- Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers (CASBHC): <http://ctschoolhealth.org>
- School-Based Health Alliance: <https://www.sbh4all.org/>