

KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
ANDREW JOHNSON BUILDING

*Mr. Bob Thomas, Superintendent*



July 25, 2019

Dr. Carl Todoro DDS  
Knox County Health Department  
140 Dameron Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37917

**Re: Letter of Support – School Based Dental Prevention Sealant Program**

Dear Dr. Todoro:

It is with great pleasure that Knox County Schools offers support for the Knox County Health Department School Based Dental Prevention and Sealant Program. Oral hygiene has been well established as an important component of good overall health. Lack of dental care has been associated with increased school absenteeism and/or poor academic performance. As research indicates, the application of sealants significantly improves dental health by providing a barrier against tooth decay.

Profound disparities in oral health exist in the underserved populations and people who are economically disadvantaged. These disparities can significantly impact a child's health through their adult years. Early access to dental care and dental education, establishes a basis of general knowledge in the importance of maintaining dental health.

Knox County Schools values the continuing relationship with the Knox Health Department Dental Services. Together we are improving access to dental care and lessening the effects that accompany poor oral hygiene. Thank you for providing this dental program and for promoting dental health for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Thomas".

Mr. Bob Thomas  
Superintendent  
Knox County Schools

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Myers".

Jason Myers  
Executive Director of Student Supports  
Knox County Schools