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RE: Letter of Support – School Based Dental Prevention Sealant Program

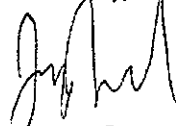
Dr. Todoro,

Knox County Schools is proud to offer its support of the Knox County Health Department School Based Dental Prevention and Sealant Program. Oral hygiene is a well-established and important component of overall health, and lack of dental care has been associated with increases in student absenteeism and poor academic performance. Research indicates that the application of sealants significantly improves dental health by preventing tooth decay.

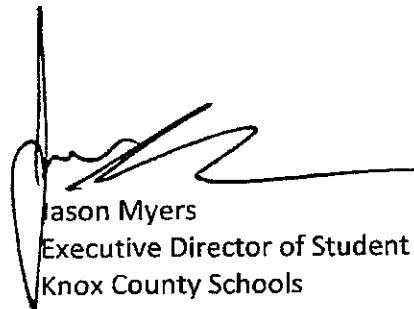
Disparities in access to oral healthcare exist among economically disadvantaged and otherwise underserved populations, and these disparities can significantly impact a child's health well into their adult years. Early access to dental care and dental education can mitigate these disparities and foster increased understanding of the importance of maintaining good dental health.

Knox County Schools values its relationship with Knox County Health Department Dental Services. Together, we are improving access to dental care and lessening the prevalence and effects of poor oral hygiene. Thank you for providing this service, and for promoting dental health for our students in Knox County Schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jon Rysewyk
Superintendent
Knox County Schools



Jason Myers
Executive Director of Student Supports
Knox County Schools