



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Healthy Capital District (HCD) is working with Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services and your school district, to provide dental care at your child's school.

**With permission from their parent/guardian**, children in your school will be able to receive a dental screening, cleaning, fluoride treatment and, when appropriate, dental sealants\* and intraoral images\* from a Registered Dental Hygienist. We can also complete a Student Oral Health Report for parents and to share with the school nurse, again with your consent, to address the Dental Health Certificate New York State is requesting all students in grades K, 2, 4, 7 & 10 have completed by an oral health professional.

\***A dental sealant** is a thin plastic coating that is applied to healthy permanent molars. According to the Center for Disease Control, children with sealants develop 70% fewer new cavities on sealed teeth. Applying sealants to teeth is painless and simple.

\***Intraoral images** are photos taken with a device that functions like the camera on a smartphone. Taking these photos allows our dentist partners to determine the seriousness of disease in your child's mouth and suggest the best course of action to address your child's oral health needs.

**\*No family will be charged for services, only insurance companies.\***

- Children insured by Medicaid will be paid in full by Medicaid.
- Children insured by Child Health Plus will be paid in full by CHP

\*All uninsured families will be offered help from a Navigator to apply for free or low-cost coverage (Child Health Plus).\*

All participating students will receive a Parent Report outlining their oral health and services provided. If your child needs additional treatment, and does not have a regular dentist, we can help you find one.

If you have any questions about the program please contact us, or your school nurse.

**Please return the attached forms to school tomorrow.**

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School Based Oral Health Program

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