



Tigard-Tualatin School District

March 18, 2021

RE: HB2591: Relating to Expansion of School-Based Health Centers

Dear Chair Prusak, Vice-Chairs Salina and Hayden, and members of the committee:

School-Based Health Centers have been part of the Tigard-Tualatin School District services for over a decade. We provide centers at Tigard High School and Tualatin High School. Our students receive the following services through our SBHCs:

- Diagnosis and Treatment of Minor Illnesses and Injuries;
- Wellness/Health Physical Exams or Check-Ups;
- Sports Physicals;
- Immunizations;
- Blood Pressure and Vision Screenings;
- Referrals to Specialty Providers;
- Mental Health Evaluations, Counseling, and Referrals;
- Health Counseling on Nutrition, Weight Management, Safety, Wellness, Substance Use and/or Drug Dependence, and Health Risk Assessment/Identification/Reduction; and
- Sexuality Safety and Responsibility, Menstrual Disorders, and Testing to see if you are pregnant

These services are easily accessible to our students and families and I am proud that the district can provide this important option for our community.

HB 2591 will expand opportunities for more districts to create health centers. More importantly it will incorporate mobile health centers which is essential for reaching a greater number of students and families in a sustainable way.

The Tigard-Tualatin School District superintendent, Dr. Rieke-Smith, joins me in this advocacy. As a prior trauma and public health nurse, Dr. Rieke-Smith knows expanded medical services for children are essential for overall student success.

Dr. Rieke-Smith and I are in full support of HB2591.

Sincerely,

Maureen J. Wolf

Chair, Tigard-Tualatin School Board