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Senator Montgomery convenes strategy meeting on School Based Health Centers in New York State

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As a longtime proponent of School Based Health Centers (SBHCs), Senator Montgomery convened a strategy meeting with elected officials, program providers, principals and advocates to discuss how to maintain the viability of SBHCs in New York State.

New York State has the most SBHCs in the nation and more than 2/3 of all SBHCs are located in New York City. The State's 252 SBHCs provide primary and preventative care services to over 200,000 children in an environment that is convenient and familiar to them. Over 60% of SBHCs have fulltime mental health services, and many provide dental and vision services. SBHCs enable

students to better manage chronic conditions such as asthma and type one diabetes and address on-site medical emergencies.

The youth served by SBHCs are primarily of color (44% served are Hispanic or Latino & 31% are Black or African American), often from low-income households, many are undocumented and many are uninsured.

SBHCs have made positive impacts on student academic performance, attendance, graduation rates, health outcomes such as higher vaccination rates and fewer unplanned pregnancies. Children with chronic conditions are hospitalized less and experience fewer complications.

In this year's budget, the funding for SBHCs was cut by 20% and the methodology to determine how these funds are distributed was changed. Many programs throughout the City were impacted by these drastic cuts. This has had a devastating impact on clinics across the state. Many SBHC sponsors have seen cuts ranging anywhere from 25% to 70%. The largest sponsoring organizations (NYU Lutheran, SUNY Downstate, Mt. Sinai, Northwell and Montefiore) all sustained budget cuts of at least 40%.

The cuts have resulted in real consequences. The four SBHCs sponsored by SUNY Downstate were able to be saved though the SBHC serving students at Francis Scott Key campus will close at the end of the year. While we are fortunate that most SBHCs were able to work with various stakeholders to stay open, this is not a situation that should ever be repeated.

As the 2018-2019 Budget approaches, Senator Montgomery is leading the fight to save SBHCs. The Senator is urging her colleagues in the Senate and Assembly to restore the \$3.6 million cut in non-Medicaid funds, pledge to preserve funding levels at \$17,098,000 and support legislation to create a permanent Medicaid carve-out for these centers (S6012/A7866). \$3.6 million is a drop in the bucket of our state budget yet has wide ranging implications for the children across the state. Our children's health and wellbeing should be prioritized, yet time

and time again they are sacrificed.

On the federal level, health care is being dismantled brick by brick which includes funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and community health centers. Senator Montgomery is committed to serving as a voice for young people in the Legislature and to make sure they are prioritized, not put on the chopping block year after year.





To learn more about Senator Montgomery's work on School-Based Health Centers, visit:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-urges-governor-cuomo-sign-s6012a7866>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-meets-representatives-nyu-lutheran-family>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-welcomes-representatives-brooklyn-plaza>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/nurse-practitioners-new-york-honor-senator-montgomery>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/in-the-news/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-calls-15-million-hike-state-funding>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-calls-governor-restore-funding-school?tab=&page=6>

School Name	Campus	Clinic Enrollment	Medical Visits	Address	Zip	Sponsor
Brooklyn Community High School of Communication, Arts, and Media	Francis Scott Key Campus	442	1826	300 Willoughby Avenue	11205	Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center
Brooklyn High School for Leadership and Community Service						
P.S. K369-Coy L. Cox School Annex						
PS 054 Samuel C Bames		231	1787	195 Sanford Street	11205	Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center
PS 256 Benjamin Banneker		430	1654	114 Kosciusko Street	11216	Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center
P.S. 309 The George E. Wibecan Preparatory Academy	George E Wibecan Campus	650	1883	794 Monroe Street	11221	Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center
Excellence Girls Charter School						
Benjamin Banneker Academy		661	1560	71-77 Clinton Avenue	11205	Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center
IS 136 Charles O Dewey	JHS 136 Campus	794	2013	4004 4th Avenue, Rm. 106	11232	NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers/ Lutheran Medical Center
Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School						
Sunset Park Prep						
PS 001 The Bergen		1145	1370	309 47 Street, Rm. 131	11220	NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers/ Lutheran Medical Center
PS 015 Patrick F. Daly	PS 15 Campus	409	1733	71 Sullivan Street	11231	NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers/ Lutheran Medical Center
Boys and Girls High School	Boys and Girls H.S. Campus	663	1539	1700 Fulton Street	11213	NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers/ Lutheran Medical Center
Nelson Mandela High School						
Research and Service High School						
PS 282 Park Slope		737	2144	180 6th Avenue	11217	NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers/ Lutheran Medical Center
Sunset Park High School	Sunset Park HS Campus	971	2993	153 35th Street	11232	NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers/ Lutheran Medical
P.S. 371 Lillian L. Rashkis						
PS 038 The Pacific		232	518	450 Pacific Street, Rm. 138	11217	Research Foundation of SUNY

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Amends the education law relating to school based health and mental health clinics in certain cities

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Creates a personal income tax check-off box for donations to the school-based health centers fund

February 15, 2017

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