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Governor Lamont signs a National School-Based Health Center Awareness Month proclamation for the month of February.

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February is National School-Based Health Center Awareness Month, an effort to highlight and recognize the role school-based health center providers play in ensuring students have access to high-quality health care, including oral health. The Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers (CASBHC) join more than 2,500 national School Based Health Centers across the country in celebrating National School Based Health Center Awareness month.

School Based Health Centers (SBHC) are located in 27 communities across Connecticut and are comprehensive primary care clinics on site at schools, providing a full range of physical and mental health services delivered by licensed professionals including nurse practitioners, and licensed mental health clinicians. These services included physical exams, diagnosis and treatment of illnesses, and treatment of minor injuries. SBHCs are committed to serving Connecticut children's health care needs, regardless of insurance or ability to pay.

SBHCs play a critical role in providing health care services for students that keep them healthy and able to engage in learning. As Connecticut's schools closed and moved to remote and hybrid learning models in response to COVID-19, Connecticut's SBHCs quickly adapted to meet the changing needs of the community.

"It is amazing how school-based health centers have responded to the needs of Connecticut's children in these challenging times. SBHCs are a critical component of the health care system, and we are very excited to celebrate School Based Health Center Awareness Month and celebrate the incredible work of our SBHC providers" stated Laurie Collins, Association Director of Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers. "We are very grateful for Governor Lamont's support for School Based Health Center Awareness month in Connecticut."

About CASBHC –

The Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers is a statewide network of school-based health centers currently operating in 27 Connecticut communities. The group was established in 1994 and received its 501(c)3 non-profit designation in 1996. Over the last decade, members of CASBHC have collectively established a strong base of support for School-Based Health Centers in Connecticut through community engagement, delivery of quality services, advocacy, and effective marketing. Through advocacy, education and networking, the CT Association of School Based Health Centers positions SBHCs as leaders in the broader healthcare system for CT's children and adolescents.