



Dear Parent or Guardian,

July 15, 2020

Our school is excited to announce a new School Based Health Center at Manatee Elementary School! This work is a partnership of MCR Health, School District of Manatee County and your school clinic to provide high quality health care for students attending Southeast High School. School nursing and emergency services will still be provided as always whether you consent to the School Based Health Center or not. There are over 2,500 School Based Health Centers (SBHC's) in the United States and use of these centers has been linked to improved academic outcomes, such as improved attendance, college preparation, grade promotion and reduced rates of suspensions. The goal of this program is to improve academic outcomes by improving the overall health status of students through shared school based and community resources, providing a culture of learning and future success. This falls right in line with Manatee County School District Mission of providing education and development to all students today for their success tomorrow.

The existing school clinic staff will continue to manage the day to day oversight of school health. The School Based Health Center will complement the school clinic by being available to all students, including those without health care, and those in need of services such as primary, mental, oral or vision care. Even if your child already has a primary care doctor, he/she can still benefit from our health services should a problem arise in school.

“All student information will be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a US law designed to provide privacy standards to protect patients’ medical records and other health information provided to health plans, doctors, hospitals and other health care providers.”

Manatee Elementary School is ready to take the lead with being the first Community Partnership School and the second school in this county to have a School Based Health Center in Manatee County, because healthy students are the future of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Tami VanOverbeke

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Principal

*Due to different regulatory requirements, you will need to duplicate some information on the MCR Consent for Services and the School Based Health Center Consent for Services. The good news is that this information will stay on file throughout your child's stay at Manatee Elementary School.

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