



Norwalk Community Health Center Granted Funds to Open New School-Based Health & Wellness Center at Kendall College and Career Academy

Norwalk, Conn. (June 5, 2024) -- Norwalk Public Schools is proud to announce that the Norwalk Community Health Center has received additional funding from the School-Based Health Alliance to open another school-based health center at Kendall College and Career Academy. The new health center is set to open during the 2024-25 school year.

Kendall joins Brien McMahon High School/Center for Global Studies, Ponus Ridge STEAM Academy/Concord Magnet School and the NPS Family Center to have a school-based health center operated by NCHC. The Family Center location is set to open this fall.

School-Based Health Alliance has awarded the Norwalk Community Health Center \$231,619 to provide coordinated, culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate school-based health center services at Kendall. This opportunity supports increasing access to health care including mental health and primary care services for the KCCA community, leading to an increase in access to those services.

Norwalk Community Health Center's nationally recognized health center is honored to be partnering with all four schools to provide school-based health and wellness services for their students. NCHC will work together with families and their family pediatricians to keep Norwalk students healthy and in school. Services provided will range from physicals to immunizations and a full range of pediatric healthcare, counseling to crisis intervention, and so much more.

About Norwalk Public Schools: At Norwalk Public Schools, our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education so that all students graduate future-ready as civically responsible, globally engaged and positive contributors to an ever-changing and diverse world. Reflecting our diverse community, NPS families speak 59 different languages and represent 70 different countries.

Serving nearly 12,000 students, Norwalk Public Schools consists of four high schools, four middle schools, 13 elementary schools and one inclusive pre-school. NPS high school programs offer International Baccalaureate diploma and career programs; a renowned global studies magnet school; pathways in healthcare, marine science and digital media; and the opportunity to earn an industry recognized associate's degree along with a high school diploma. PreK through middle school students can take



advantage of magnet programs focused on language, character, marine science, college and career readiness, and visual and performing arts. NPS also prides itself on its neighborhood schools, which build community and offer their own unique educational opportunities.

About Norwalk Community Health Center: Approximately 13,000 men, women, and children entrust their care to **Norwalk Community Health Center**. An independent nonprofit healthcare provider, it started out in 1999 and remains a safety net for 15% of greater Norwalk men, women, and children who are uninsured, underinsured or otherwise unable to find health care within reach.

Over the last 25 years it has evolved into a continuum of care organization and provider of choice for pediatric, women's, adult, podiatry, behavioral, and adult and pediatric dental health, and wellness services that include cardiometabolic health, a seasonal farmers market and a Diaper Bank, in partnership with Nuvance, Connecticut Hospital Association, and Diaper Bank of Connecticut. Nobody who needs our services is turned away for status or ability to pay. NCHC is ranked among the top health centers in the nation by US Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA).

With its flagship location at 120 Connecticut Ave. in Norwalk, patients can also access care at its satellite at Smilow Life Center, on its Medical Mobile Unit, and on site at the Ponus Ridge STEAM Academy/Concord Magnet School campus and the Brien McMahon High School/Center for Global Studies campus. NCHC's services for the Norwalk Public School community will be adding a new Family Health and Wellness Center at the NPS Family Center in addition to Kendall College and Career Academy. Visit the NCHC website at www.norwalkchc.org.

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