

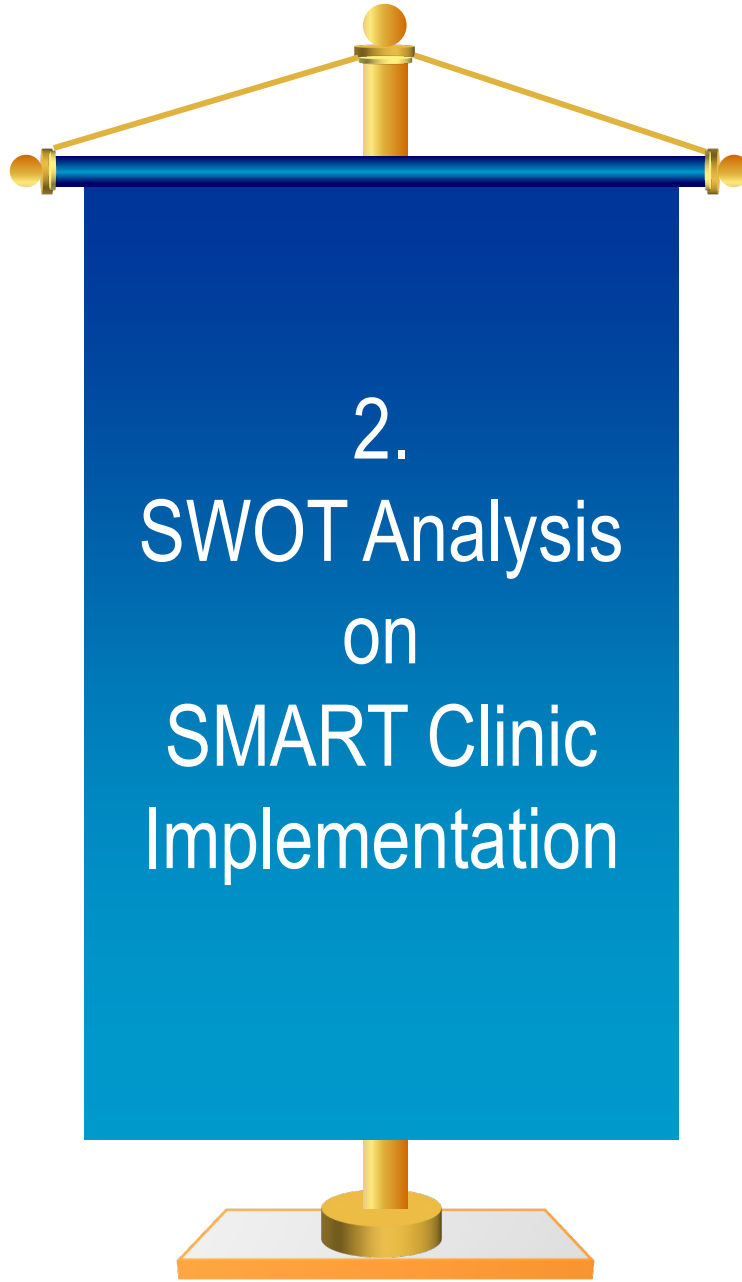


Education Committee Meeting
SMART Clinics in PPS
October 18, 2021

AGENDA

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Context &
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for SMART
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SWOT Analysis
on
SMART Clinic
Implementation

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Concerns
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What are Community Schools?

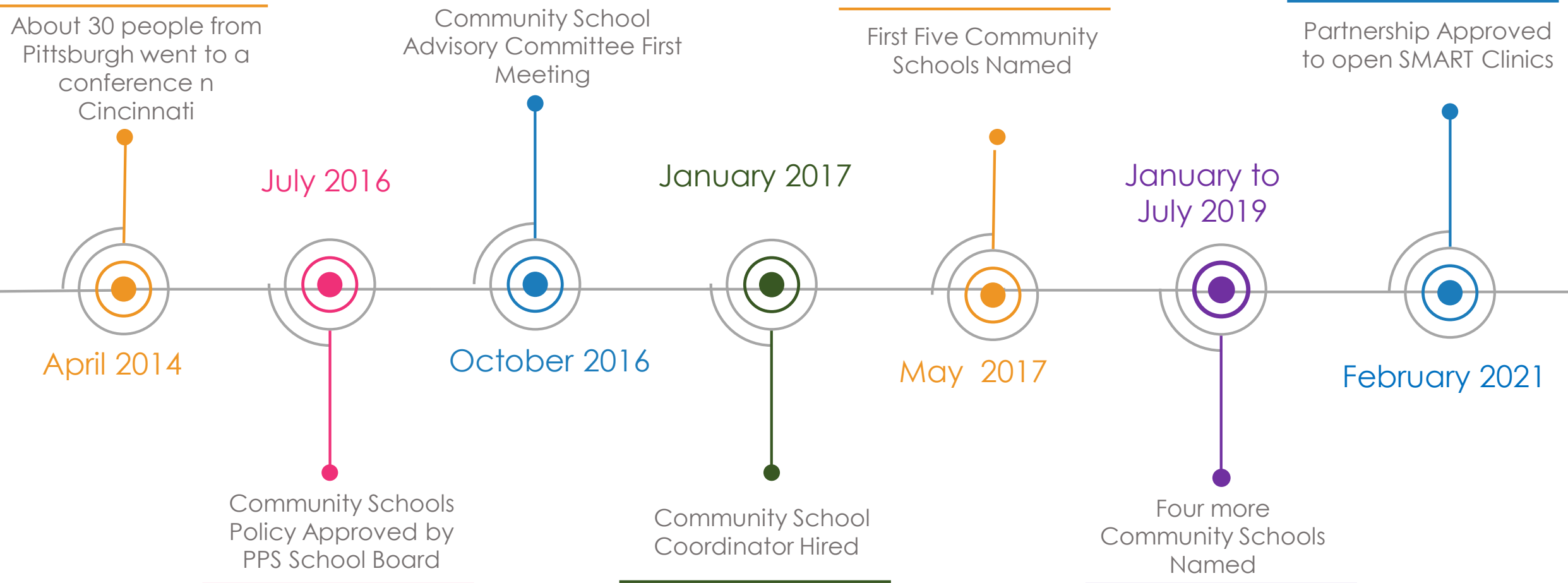
“Community schools provide... tremendous opportunities for learning and success for students, but they also offer hope, opportunity, and transformation to entire communities. They are schools built with the understanding that students often come to the classroom with challenges that impact their ability to learn, explore, and develop to their greatest potential. Because learning never happens in isolation, community schools provide free healthy meals, health care, tutoring, mental health counseling, and other tailored services before, during, and after school.”

<https://www.nea.org/student-success/smart-just-policies/community-schools>

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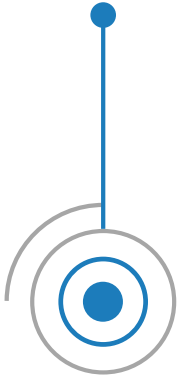


Community Schools Timeline

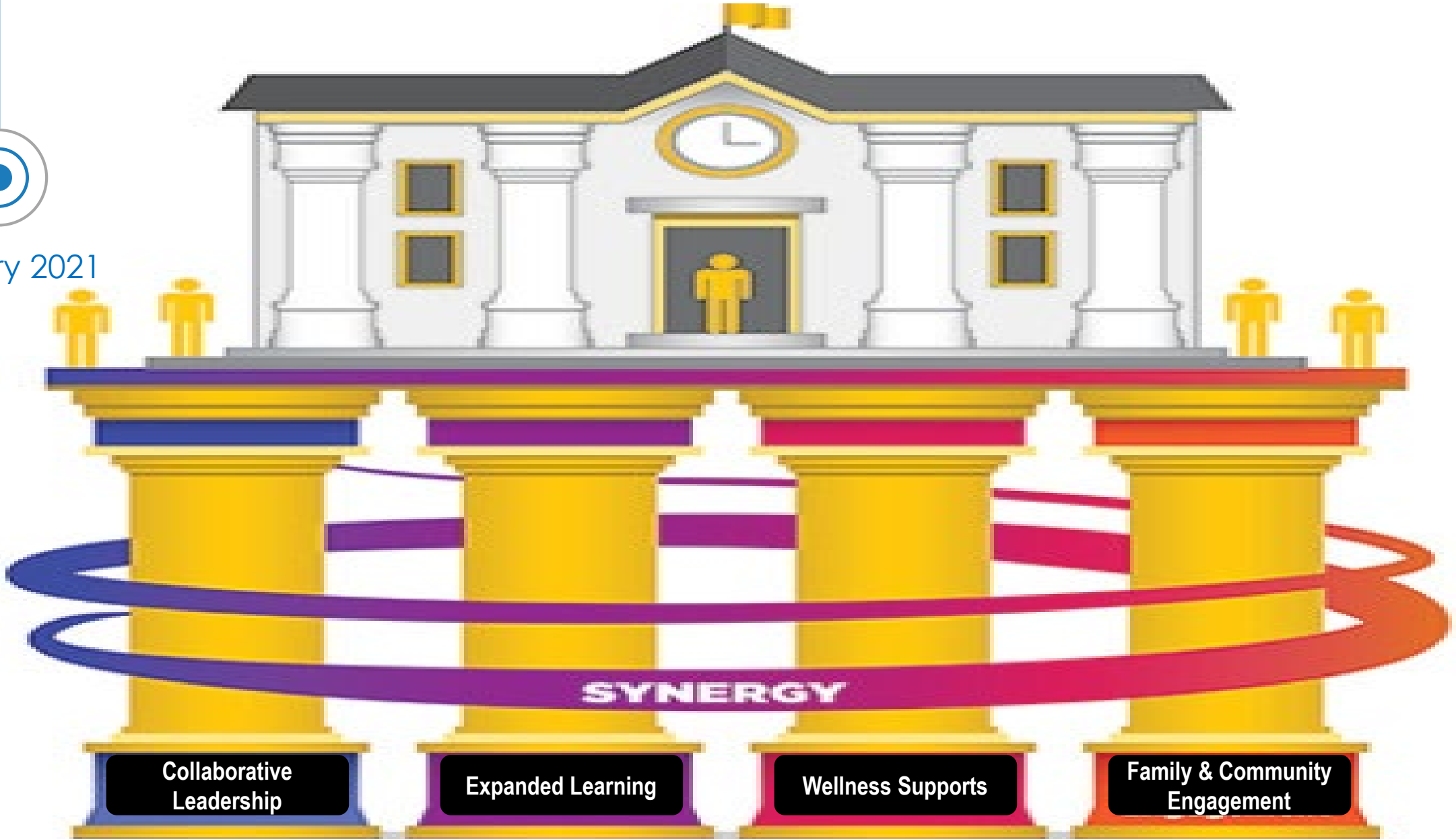


Partnership Approved
to open SMART Clinics

4 SMART Clinic Pillars



February 2021





SMART Clinic Vision

“SMART (School health Model for Academics Reaching all Transforming lives) is an equitable school health solution that proactively engages, consents, and screens ALL students to identify risks and barriers to academic success. SMART then swiftly delivers interventions to eliminate or mitigate those barriers, thus creating the optimal environment to support learning.

SMART shares some similar characteristics with existing school-based health centers (SBHCs) in that it provides access to health and mental health services, as well as enhances behavioral health assessments and clinical management. However, SMART is uniquely differentiated from SBHCs in its singular goal of providing access and engaging all students (not just those who come in because of a health complaint); explicit focus on academic outcomes for students; full integration into the school’s practices, policies, and culture; and financial sustainability structure.”

SMART Clinics support the missing pillar for effective implementation of PPS Community Schools.

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PPS SMART Clinic Factoid

The Role of PPS

Provide suitable space and provide utilities, custodial and maintenance services.

Share student directory information in accordance with FERPA regulations and PPS DREA approval.

Cooperate with GGC's preparation and management of the SMART® Center proforma budget.

Provide aggregate performance measure information (e.g., “ABC” of Attendance, Behavioral incidences, Course work grades), per DREA approval letter.

Name the SMART® Center, operated by MGG MD, in its annual FERPA notice.

The Role of Ginn Group/SMART

Fund start-up costs up to \$750K, including the payment of all required insurance premiums.

Conduct due diligence, perform analysis, create and manage operations plan and related SMART® Center pro forma budget.

Fund fee for MGG MD to serve as Medical Provider entity for 2021-2022 school year.

Provide the universal consent form.

Oversee all 5 phases of SMART Model Implementation.

Train MGG MD on SMART® Model *Active Access* and *Active Care* protocols

Report progress on performance measures at aggregate level only.

The Role of Dr. Gregorio

Care for all students and their families.

Bill insurance providers, when applicable, for care. Provide care to adults. Consent all patients for care.

Ensure that clinical personnel have and maintain the required credentials and licenses to treat children and adults

Maintain and pay all premiums on the insurance coverages.

Comply with HIPAA/FERPA

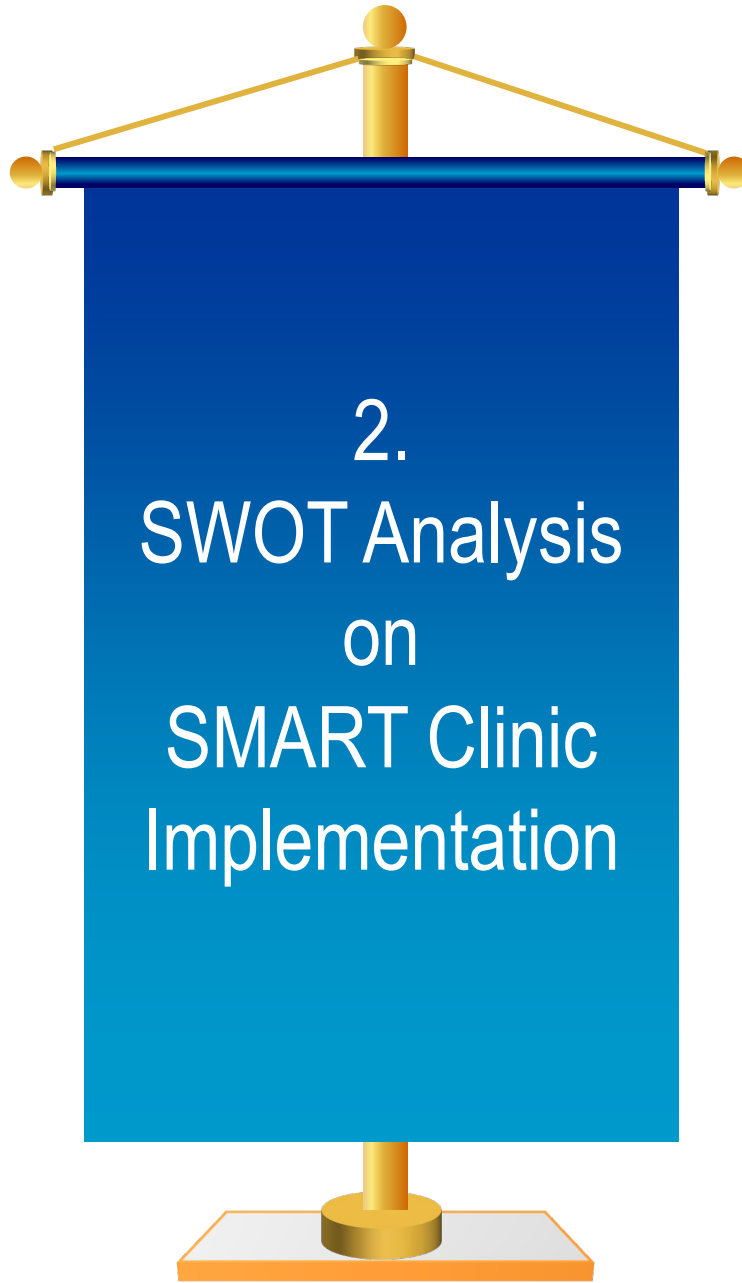
Function as the certified SMART® medical provider; in full fidelity to SMART® Model protocols and standards

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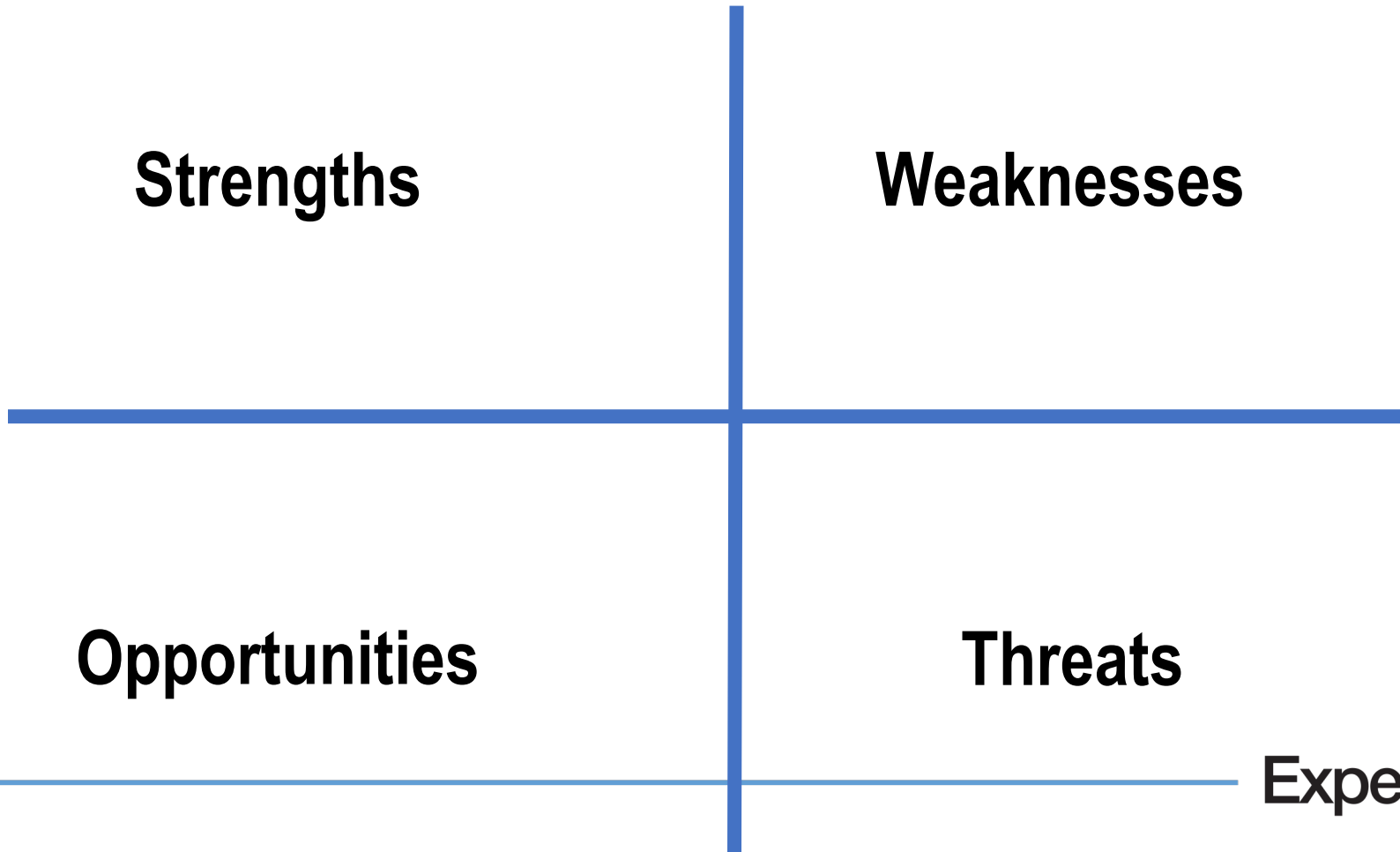
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SWOT Analysis

A method for identifying and analyzing internal strengths and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats that shape current and future operations and help develop strategic goals.



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Strengths

- School principals are on board and one principal has received training
- Consultation with Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers to ensure no staffing cuts
- Provides a defined layer of equity for our students who will receive services based on need
- Received a \$750,000 start up donation inclusive of coaching to build sustainability
- An African American Doctor (Dr. Conti) is proposed for the on-site doctor who was recently recognized as a Hero in Health Care last month for Allegheny Health Network



Weaknesses

- Internal beliefs about the district's ability to sustain this initiative
- Staff were not involved in the process from the conception of the partnership
- Belief that an out of state partnership can't help locally



Opportunities

- To actualize full-service community schools five years after the passing of the Community Schools policy
- CRNP's will be able to utilize all skills provided gained from this credential
- More Therapy Services will be provided on site




Threats

- The donation is time sensitive
- External beliefs regarding sustainability of the SMART Clinic
- Local Health Care Providers may feel that the SMART Clinic is invading on “their turf”
- Beliefs that SMART Clinics are going to take advantage of vulnerable families

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Identified Concerns Re: PPS SMART Clinics

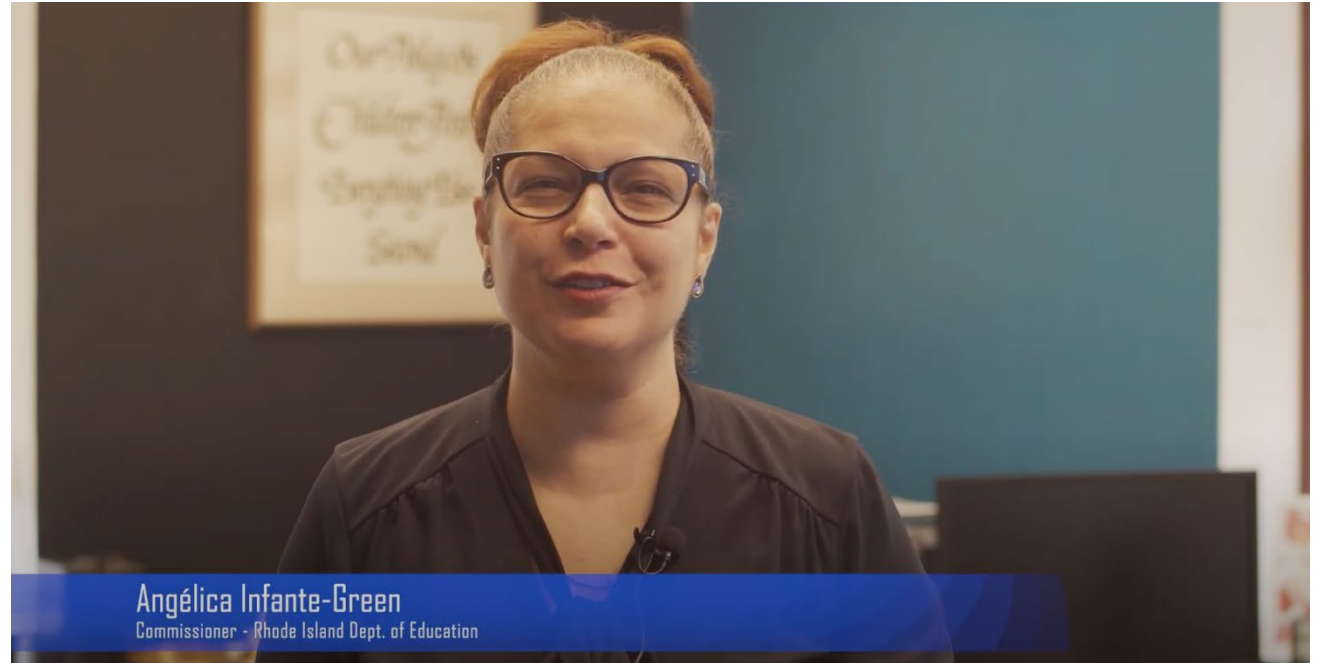
Education

Privatizing School Nurses: SMART Clinics in Providence Public Schools

From College Hill Independent reporters Olivia Cruz Mayeda and Mara Cavallaro: "By removing union school nurses and implementing private clinics directed by a for-profit business, the district has fundamentally restructured relationships of care in its public schools. There are now private incentives governing care where there previously were none. All of these concerns emphasize how privatization of healthcare undermines community control of basic medical and mental health services."



RI EDUCATION COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT
JUNE 2021



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Identified Concerns Re: PPS SMART Clinics (cont'd)

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| Nurses are going to lose their jobs, Union Busting | MOU – No one will lose employment because of SMART Clinics |
| We (current school nurses) already do this | New Job Descriptions - it is different |
| The District has enough support | In the middle of a Pandemic – EVERYONE says we need more |
| They are from Kentucky, Not local, For profit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have many vendors that are out of town - All of the Staff will be from Pittsburgh, Three of the Five will be PPS Staff. “THEY” will be “US”. Dr. Gregorio & Dr. Conti are local - Non-Profit – most of our providers bill insurance - SMART does not bill |
| They are going to charge for state mandates | No Billing for anything done by traditional nurses |
| Clinics are going to charge for Band-Aids | All Mental Health Providers/Partners will charge insurance |
| We weren't involved in the process | In the middle of negotiations, immediately after the contract was approved, engagement began |
| Because there is not local FQHC involved, something must be wrong | Intimidation tactics from of one of our major health care providers |



Support for SMART Clinics

Nina Esposito-Visgitis
PFT President



Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers

Supporting Community Schools

- PFT's History of Supporting Community Schools
- Teachers Supporting Community Schools
- PFT Community Schools Taskforce
- Importance of Full-Service Health Clinics in Schools



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Closing Ideas

- Since 2017, we have struggled with full Implementation of Community Schools in PPS.
- There is an opportunity to use lessons learned from the pandemic to truly support students and families with the services offered through this SMART Clinic initiative.
- SMART Clinic is a launch for selected schools. However, there is an opportunity for local duplication if interested.
- Our school leaders and the PFT view this opportunity as a game changer for student and family support through the schools.