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	Subject/ Position	23-0200R – Informational Hearing - School-based Health Clinics  <b>FAVORABLE</b>		

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 23-0200R, entitled “Informational Hearing - School-based Health Clinics.” This resolution requests that representatives from BCHD and other relevant agencies come before the Council to discuss the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics throughout the Baltimore City Public School System.

BCHD’s Bureau of School Health is the provider of record for school health services in Baltimore City public schools, delivering and coordinating health services for approximately 76,000 students through **school health suites** and **School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)**, also referred to as “school-based health clinics.”

The Bureau provides services to 114 schools through school health suites. Health suite services include treatment for minor illness and injury, medication administration, and nursing treatment. The Bureau also operates five SBHCs, which offer comprehensive primary care. Schools with SBHCs are City Springs, Augusta Fells Savage Institute, Digital Harbor, REACH! Partnership School, and William S. Baer. The Bureau is also approved to operate a sixth, telemedicine only site at Booker T. Washington Middle School and Renaissance Academy, which are co-located with each other. In addition to all services provided in school health suites, SBHC services include:

- Sports and annual physical examinations
- Immunizations
- Care of acute illnesses and injuries
- Reproductive health services
- Referrals to behavioral health services
- Laboratory tests
- Case management and health education

SBHCs are also operated by our partners Johns Hopkins Medical System and Baltimore Medical System in nine additional schools: KIPP Academy, Collington Square Elementary/Middle School, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Harford Heights Elementary, Patterson High, Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle, Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School, Vanguard Collegiate Middle School, and Forest Park High School.

With consideration for Baltimore City residents who are interested in health services at City Schools, BCHD requests a favorable position on Council Bill 23-0200R.