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District health care center

The Board of Education approved an agreement to establish a school-based primary care health center to create greater access to health care for our students. The district spent the last school year investigating options and developing a plan. Earlier this year, district administrators and several members of the community visited a similar school-based health center operating in Hannibal to learn more about operations and best practices.

The center will be operated in partnership with Clarity, which is affiliated with Burrell Behavioral Health. The collaboration is the result of a partnership created to develop a comprehensive system of school-based primary health care services to promote and ensure physical health care of students.



This partnership includes the establishment of a health care center, while also addressing academic, social, and physical health in an integrated approach designed to maximize student success. The center will be located in a portion of the district's Field Building and will be available to all CPS students.

Services provided through the health center are being offered in addition to the health services already offered by CPS, including school nurses and individualized nursing services provided to students with special needs.

Primary care services provided to all students will include:

- Acute visits (sore throat, fever, sprained ankle, etc.)
- Preventative visits
- Sports physicals
- Vision services
- Free vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program
- In-house lab services (strep tests, influenza, etc.)
- Reference lab services
- Documentation of the visit provided to the child's primary care physician (PCP), if not a Clarity patient

"It will provide an avenue for scholars to address needs with immunizations or those needing additional medical care after seeing the school nurse. The positive benefits are overwhelming for the scholars."

Superintendent Brian Yearwood

Additionally, counseling services will also be available, including:

- Behavioral assessments and evaluations
- Referrals to counseling sessions for individuals and/or family
- Referrals to trauma-focused counseling with licensed or licensed-eligible counselors specializing in trauma
- Referrals to substance use disorder counseling services and treatment

There is no budgetary impact to the district for the operation of this partnership. Clarity is exclusively responsible for the expenses of supplies for health services, as well as the training and travel of their personnel.

Clarity will establish a sliding fee schedule as determined by the Federal Poverty Guidelines in accordance with Health Resources and Service Administration. A sliding fee discount program allows individuals and families who are uninsured or underinsured to receive services for a fee that is adjusted based on their ability to pay, assuring that no one will be denied access to services. Children that are on the district's free or reduced-price school lunch program are deemed to be on a sliding fee.

For those that do not qualify for service fee waivers, Clarity will be solely responsible for billing patients and/or third-party payers for all services rendered.



There are numerous ways to get information on happenings in Columbia Public Schools.

CPS MOBILE APP

Download our app to get a personalized window into the latest news and information about the district and your student's school. Available for free via the App Store or Google Play. Search for Columbia Public Schools.

CPS-TV

CPS-TV, the channel dedicated to showcasing news and events happening within Columbia Public Schools, has a variety of videos and live events to keep you informed, including Board of Education meetings and news and information about our schools and students. Visit www.cpsk12.org/cpstv for more details.

PARENT MESSAGES AND NOTIFICATIONS

Parents and guardians receive important messages from CPS and Student Transportation of America via the contact information on file at your student's school. Be sure to keep your contact information current with the school to receive these important messages. You can also access messages through the district's mobile app. More information is available at www.cpsk12.org/back2school.

PEACHJAR

Check out the PeachJar icon on the school district homepage to access fliers for community events and activities provided by local organizations.

CPS FAMILIES PORTAL

Access all CPS apps through CPS Families Portal using your assigned ID and password.

- **Campus Parent:** A new streamlined, user-friendly, web-based, real-time tool allowing families to check their secondary student's current attendance, scheduled courses, grades, and more. Families can watch the Infinite Campus Parent Video or contact your scholar's school directly for more information.
- **Schoolology:** Allows access to course materials and assignments at school and at home.

Tips for school success



Helpful tips for you to encourage your student academically at home.

Columbia Public Schools is committed to helping scholars succeed in all aspects of their educational life. Parents and guardians are also extremely instrumental in supporting our students. **Here are some helpful tips for you to encourage your student academically at home:**

- 1 **Attendance is a critical factor for student success.** If our scholars are not in school, they are less likely to achieve at the same level as their attending peers. Barring an illness, please support your child in getting to school every day.
- 2 **Encourage your child to submit their work on time.** You as a parent/guardian can check lessons, assignments, and grades using Schoology and Campus Parent.
- 3 **Ask specific and targeted questions.** Instead of asking your child "How was school today?" and them replying "fine," try:
 - "Tell me one thing you learned today that surprised you."
 - "What is a connection you made today to something that has happened in your life?"
 - "Tell me about a mistake you made today and what you learned from that mistake and how you reacted to it."
- 4 **Provide a separate space for your scholar to study.** It doesn't have to be a special room, but a spot in your home that is specifically for homework and is quiet with minimal distractions.
- 5 **Practice goal setting with your children.** Set family goals, share goals you have for yourself, and ask your kids to share academic and personal goals with you. Discuss the purpose of goal achievement and a timeline for achieving those goals.
- 6 **Get back into a school schedule as summer ends.** Please encourage your student to:
 - Get a good night's sleep
 - Eat an appropriate breakfast before leaving for school
 - Learn a technique of their choice to help them relax in case they experience anxiety
 - Use a planner or calendar to keep track of due dates, and include time to study on that calendar
 - Complete the tasks or homework they dislike most first. When they accomplish the task they didn't want to do, they won't feel that drag of procrastination and resentment towards the other work they are expected to complete.

DOES YOUR STUDENT NEED EXTRA HELP? Learn more about online and in-person options on our Tutoring Page: www.cpsk12.org/tutor.

New to the team



Tony Maltbia
Director of Transportation

Maltbia served as director of career and technical education for Saint Louis Public Schools since 2019. He holds a bachelor of arts in general studies from Southeast Missouri State University, a master of arts in educational administration from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and an educational specialist degree from Eastern Illinois University.



Jacob Adams
Jefferson Middle School Principal

Adams served as assistant principal at Rock Bridge High School for three years. He earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural education-teaching from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a master's degree in career and technical education administration from the University of Central Missouri.



Taryn Brinlee
Ridgeway Elementary School Principal

Brinlee has 10 years of experience in education with three years as an assistant principal. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a master's degree in educational leadership and policy analysis in 2018.



Sam Bornhauser
Gentry Middle School Principal

Bornhauser has spent 20 years in education. He received a bachelor of education from Westminster College, a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a master's degree and educational specialist in administration from William Woods University.



Lance Foulk
Beulah Ralph Elementary School Principal

Foulk has 28 years of experience in education with three years as an assistant principal. He received a bachelor of science in physical education, a master's degree in educational administration from Southwest Baptist University, and his educational specialist in educational leadership and policy from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Alyssa Galbreath
Battle High School Principal

Galbreath attended Westminster College, earning bachelor's degrees in mathematics and secondary teaching. She was a University of Missouri-Columbia teaching fellow. She completed her specialist and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from William Woods University.



Becca Babcock
Blue Ridge Elementary School Principal

Babcock taught for two years at Green City R-1, four years at Moberly Public Schools, and six years at Blue Ridge Elementary School before becoming assistant principal. Babcock holds a master's degree in elementary education from Truman State University.



Elizabeth McCracken
Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

McCracken has been in education for 26 years. She has served as an elementary and middle school teacher, instructional coach, elementary curriculum coordinator, adjunct professor, and district-level administrator.



Adam Taylor
Executive Director of Secondary Education

Taylor earned his bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in marketing at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He later completed his masters, specialist, and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from William Woods University.



Greg Caine
Director of Federal Programs

Caine has spent the last 20 years as a school building administrator. He earned his bachelor of science in social studies education and speech communication/theatre and his master's degree in administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He also earned an educational specialist's degree in educational leadership from the University of Central Missouri and a doctorate of educational leadership from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Ken Gregory
Directory of Safety and Security

Gregory has been the district's assistant director of safety and security for the past 10 years. He is a retired Columbia police officer with 21 years of law enforcement experience. Prior to becoming an officer with the Columbia Police Department, Gregory spent three years as a home-school communicator for Columbia Public Schools.



Keshia LaVergne
Director of Elementary Education

LaVergne has 20 years of experience in education. She holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Southern University and A&M College and master's degrees in educational technology leadership from McNeese State University and educational administration from Lamar University.



Ryan Day
Executive Director of Elementary Education

Ryan has spent 21 years in education. He holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational administration, both from Southwest Baptist University. He earned a second master's degree in literacy education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Maryville University.



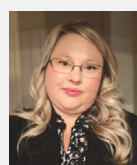
Seth Woods
Director of Professional Development

Woods has been an educator for 20 years. He has a bachelor's degree in math and a master's degree in secondary education from Truman State University. He has a specialist degree and doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Tonya Ellis
Director of Technology Services

Ellis has 27 years of educational experience. She has a bachelor of arts in anthropology and a master's degree in education from Pacific Lutheran University. She earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a doctorate in educational leadership from Saint Louis University.



Breana Kavanaugh
Director of Fine Arts

Kavanaugh has 16 years of educator experience as a teacher and fine arts coordinator. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in music education, as well as a master's degree from Northwest Missouri State University in educational leadership.

Construction updates

DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

CPS construction crews stayed busy this summer with projects at virtually every school building in the district. Work included security upgrades, ADA improvements, athletic field improvements, HVAC replacement and repairs and general overall maintenance. Some highlights include security and accessibility upgrades to the main entrances at **West Boulevard, New Haven, Two Mile Prairie, Shepard Boulevard, Parkade and Derby Ridge** elementary schools as well as **Gentry, Smithton and Lange** middle schools and **Battle High School**. Also completed were HVAC replacement and repairs at **Shepard Boulevard Elementary School, Oakland Middle School and Hickman High School**.

RUSSELL BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The **Russell Boulevard Elementary School** renovations to the current building are complete. The additional construction including new classrooms, a multi-purpose room, special education rooms and an elevator, a storm shelter for improved safety during severe weather and other adjustments will be complete before winter break. The school's increased capacity will accommodate 650 students.

BOONE COUNTY NATURE SCHOOL

Construction continues at the **Boone County Nature School** and is expected to be completed for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

COLUMBIA AREA CAREER CENTER

Construction planning and design for the **Columbia Area Career Center** renovation and addition is underway, and signs of progress such as demolition, staging and electrical work are set to begin this fall. This project is being tightly coordinated to ensure that safe and expected use of the space can continue while construction is underway.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Progress continues on the design of the **new elementary school** located next to John Warner Middle School. A primary consideration is anticipating further growth of traffic in the area. CPS designers and engineers are especially focused on finding ways to mitigate traffic issues that could occur on CPS property, including special consideration for how to place the building in order to facilitate effective drop off and pick up, as well as ways to address other traffic concerns on Sinclair Road.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

District earns national awards

The National School Public Relations Association recently recognized the Columbia Public Schools' Community Relations Department with **24 national communication awards**.

CPS and the Community Relations Department received three of this year's Golden Achievement Awards, which recognize outstanding, strategic work in all aspects of school public relations, communications, marketing, and engagement.

The Community Relations Department also received **21 Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards**, which recognize outstanding education publications.

Columbia Public Schools has been awarded the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award (COE)** for its FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. ASBO International's reporting evaluation program recognizes districts that have met the program's high standards for financial reporting and transparency.

CPS school board member achieves advanced and master certifications

Columbia Board of Education Member Blake Willoughby has been recognized for achieving both advanced and master certifications from the Missouri School Boards' Association during the MSBA Summer Summit. The programs established by MSBA recognize local school board members for pursuing additional learning opportunities beyond the legally required school board training.

Alpha Hart Lewis receives bronze positive behavior support award

Congratulations to the staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School for receiving the Bronze Missouri Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support Award of Excellence, which was created to recognize schools that achieve positive outcomes for students through the exemplary implementation of Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support.

Hours, bus, and lunch information



www.cpsk12.org/schoolcalendar

SCHOOL HOURS

7:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
8:05 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

7:40 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

7:25 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

8:55 a.m. – 4:05 p.m.

9:08 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

7:40 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

8:20 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Classes begin Tuesday, Aug. 22, for grades PreK - 12, with a Jump Start Day on Aug. 21 for grades 6 and 9.

Preschool: Center for Early Learning – North
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Eliot Battle, Benton STEM, Locust Street Expressive Arts, Midway Heights, New Haven, Ridgeway, Rock Bridge and Two Mile Prairie elementary schools

Alpha Hart Lewis, Beulah Ralph, Blue Ridge, Cedar Ridge, Derby Ridge, Fairview, Grant, Mill Creek, Parkade, Paxton Keeley, Russell Boulevard, Shepard Boulevard and West Boulevard elementary schools

Gentry, Jefferson, John Warner, Lange, Oakland, Smithton and West middle schools

Battle, Hickman and Rock Bridge high schools

Douglass High School

Bethel Street Center

Deaf Hard of Hearing Program – Discovery Center

Roseta Avenue Center

Early Childhood Special Education morning class – North
Early Childhood Special Education (including LEAP) morning class – Discovery Center
Early Childhood Special Education afternoon class – North
Early Childhood Special Education (including LEAP) afternoon class – Discovery Center

BUS SCHEDULES



Bus information is available at www.cpsk12.org/transportation.

Families may select bus transportation during the annual school registration process. Please note, students in grades kindergarten through eight who live within one mile of their school and students in grades nine through twelve who live within two miles of their school are not eligible for bus transportation. Bus transportation is not generally provided for any preschool students. If you have additional questions, please contact your student's school. For information concerning school transportation routes and schedules, contact Student Transportation of America at **573-214-3860**.



Menus available online at www.cpsk12.org/nutrition or follow us on Twitter [@CPSlunch](https://twitter.com/CPSlunch).

MEAL PRICES

Parents may also pay for school meals online via the CPS Families Portal or family.schoolcafe.com.

*For any questions about meal services, visit our website at cpsk12.org/nutrition, email lunch@cpsk12.org or call **573-214-3480**.*

STUDENTS GRADES K-5

Breakfast: \$2.10 | Lunch: choice of garden bar, hot lunch with garden bar or sack lunch: \$3.00 | Additional milk: \$0.60 each

STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

Breakfast: \$2.10 | Lunch: choice of garden bar, hot lunch with garden bar or sack lunch: \$3.20 | Additional milk: \$0.60 each

ADULTS

Breakfast: \$2.70 | Lunch: \$4.45

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCHES AND BREAKFASTS

A new application must be filled out every year to qualify. Students from families properly approved to receive food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TANF) benefits may be automatically approved to receive free or reduced-price meals. Reduced-price Breakfast: \$0.30 | Reduced-price Lunch: \$0.40