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New Student Health Clinic to be Opened at Grey Highlands Secondary School

Chesley, ON – Bluewater District School Board and the South East Grey Community Health Centre have signed a letter of intent to enter into an agreement to develop a Student Health Clinic at Grey Highlands Secondary School.

Alana Murray, Superintendent of Education with Bluewater District School Board stated that discussions have been ongoing with the Board of the CHC over the past few years. With the opening of the CHC in Markdale a few weeks ago, the time is right to proceed with a project that will prove extraordinarily beneficial to the students at the school.

Al Madden, CEO of the SEGCHC is thrilled to be moving forward with the project as it directly addresses the mandate of the CHC to service outlying areas.

The Student Health Clinic will operate during school hours and provide the services of a nurse practitioner, social worker, dietician, public health worker and dental professional. As well, clinic staff will develop and deliver healthy initiatives programs such as after school fitness programs, smoking cessation programs and other addictions counseling at lunch time. These programs will complement the sexual health clinic programs presently in place at the school.

Jim Dawson, Bluewater District School Board Trustee for Southgate Grey Highlands is very pleased to see this project go forward. It will bring a valuable service to the students of Grey Highlands Secondary School.

Student Health Clinic staff will be working closely with the Principal of Grey Highlands and follow normal student attendance policies. "School staff has really embraced the idea", said Principal Andrea Tang. "We are excited to be working with the professionals at the Student Health Clinic for the overall benefit of student health and well-being."

The details of the Student Health Clinic are in the final planning stages with hopes of having the space ready at some point in the New Year.

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