

Dear Parent(s) /Guardian(s):

*Hudson City School District* is partnering with *New York University College of Dentistry (NYU Dentistry)* to offer dental care to students of M.C. Smith Elementary and Hudson Junior High School. The first dental clinic will take place during normal school hours the week of **March 6-10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. With your permission, your child will receive preventive dental care at school. Treatment will be provided by pediatric dental residents and dental and hygiene students from NYU Dentistry under the direct supervision of New York-licensed dentists.

**If your child already receives regular dental services, please continue care with that provider.**

This program is meant for children who do not currently have a dentist and is not a replacement for visiting his/her dentist. If you feel your child will benefit from this program, please read and sign the enclosed consent form and complete the medical history questionnaire and return both to your child's school by January 31, 2023.

**There will be no out-of-pocket cost to you for the dental services your child receives through this program.** NYU Dentistry will bill your child's dental insurance, but lack of insurance will not exclude children from participation in this program. Billing where possible allows all children to receive care, regardless of coverage.

The dentist will diagnose your child's dental needs, perform a simple dental cleaning, and apply fluoride varnish. Silver Diamine fluoride and dental sealants will also be provided as needed. Your signature on the attached consent form covers all treatment (see reverse), but if you do not want your child to receive necessary treatment at school, you will need to contact the school to withdraw your consent for the dental treatment.

It is intended that this program will occur at your child's school each year. You will be notified each time the dental team visits but will not need to renew your consent for your child's participation as long as s/he is in the Hudson City School District. You are encouraged to find a local dentist to meet your child's needs. You may withdraw consent at any time by contacting your child's school or NYU Dentistry.

**NYU Dentistry:** 212-998-9781

**Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School:** Candice Strattman, (518) 828-4360, ext 1112

**Hudson Junior High School:** Stephanie Haigh, (518) 828-4360, ext 8311

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The treatments that will be offered to your child at school will include:

**Fluoride Varnish:** A sticky, flavored coating will be painted onto the surface of all teeth to strengthen and protect teeth from decay (see opposite page). Fluoride is one of the most effective ways to prevent cavities.

**Silver diamine fluoride:** A drop of liquid will be applied directly to a cavity to stop the decay process from getting worse. It may turn the brown cavity spot a darker brown or black color; this means the treatment is working to kill cavity-causing bacteria and strengthen the tooth's surface!

**Sealants:** A hard coating will be applied to the grooves of the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to prevent a cavity from forming. It may look yellowish, white, or pinkish in color but is hardly visible at the back of the mouth.

A copy of NYU Dentistry's Privacy Policy and Patient Bill of Rights have been left with the front office of your child's school or can be found online.

NYU Dentistry Privacy Policy: <https://bit.ly/2kv99Fj>

Patient Bill of Rights: <https://dental.nyu.edu/patientcare/patient-bill-of-rights.html>

If you have questions about the program or the care to be offered, or if you would like to be present for your child's dental visit, please contact your child's school or NYU Dentistry.