

## **You are Invited to Vote!**

**When:** Thursday, October 5, 2017

**Time:** 12:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** GMU School Lobby

**For:** Approval of the district to use **up to \$300,000 from Our Capital Reserve Fund** for renovation of space for a long time district initiative to secure a **School Based Health Center (SBHC)** in our building. \*\*\* The Reserve is a “savings account” for the district. We are required by education law to have tax payers approve our use of monies from this account even though use of this money **will not** cause your taxes to increase.

**Why:** Senator Seward has awarded GMU with almost \$300,000 to give Bassett for the establishment of a SBHC in the Gilbertsville Mt. Upton School! Thank you Senator Seward!

- Now, that Bassett has the funding to move forward, it is GMU’s responsibility to provide a space for them to “set up shop” in our building...Medical regulations needed for this space are very specific so we will need to prepare a space to meet medical requirements. Our plan is to renovate the old Elementary Office space and part of an existing classroom to become the GMU School Based Health Center.
- Over 50% of our students are living in economically challenged homes. Having a center here in the building would allow those students, and all students to receive immediate Health Care in school without loss of school time and without loss of work for their parents.
- Our district has been working on this initiative with Bassett for many years, and Senator Seward’s donation has made the districts dream a reality! Not only will our students be able to access typical health care at the center, but they will also be able to access Dental Care and Mental Health Care which many of our students are in great need of!
- Our Architects and Bassett believe we could have this space and all Bassett employees ready to begin servicing our community as early as September, 2018!

Thank you! Our students will benefit greatly! As the African proverb says, “It takes a village to raise a child”... Thank you for being a part of our supportive village, and for helping us to raise healthy children in the Gilbertsville Mount Upton Central School by voting to allow the district to access our reserves to renovate a space for the establishment of a School Based Health Center!

Please contact Superintendent, Mrs. Annette D. Hammond at 783-2207 with any questions.



## More Details about a School Based Health Center at GMU. . .

Bassett Healthcare Network's Department of Pediatrics and Gilbertsville Mount Upton Central School will be partnering to provide health care to the students in your community. This innovative health care delivery clinic is called a School-Based Health Center (SBHC). **The School-Based Health Center will provide primary and preventative medical, mental health care and preventative dental services to students enrolled in the program, right in the school.** One major advantage of the SBHC is that the care is provided on site at the school reducing the time students are out of class for healthcare appointments.

SBHC services are available when school is in session and during some days during the summer. During normal work hours, when school is not in session, families can call a number for assistance from both a medical and mental health care worker.

The SBHC works closely with the school nurse to help keep students healthy and ready to learn. The SBHC staff can be a child's primary healthcare provider or can work with their health care provider, depending on what their parent chooses.

Services provided by Bassett's SBHCs include:

- Complete Physical Examinations (may be used for NYS mandated school physicals, sports physicals, camp, college, working papers)
- Comprehensive Health Care including diagnosis and treatment of acute (sore throats) and chronic illness (asthma) and reproductive health care
- Health Education
- Referral Services
- Health Screening (ie. vision, hearing, scoliosis)
- Preventive Dental Services and Referrals
- First Aid
- Immunizations and Limited Laboratory Testing
- Mental Health Screening, Consultation and Referrals
- Counseling/Psychotherapy Services
- Health Insurance information and enrollment assistance

Services are provided by a team of health care personnel which includes an advanced practice clinician (nurse practitioner or physician assistant), licensed clinical social worker, registered dental hygienist, licensed practical nurse, dietician, RN care coordinator, and an ambulatory office assistant.

The School-Based Health Center will bill students' health insurance for all services provided, including physical examinations. We stress that no family will ever have to pay out of pocket for any services provided at the SBHC. If families do not have health insurance or your health insurance does not cover SBHC visits there will be no charge.

Discussion about the development of a SBHC at GMU have been ongoing for over 10 years. Presently, Bassett operates twenty SBHC in fifteen school districts in a four county region. Morris, Sidney and Unadilla Valley Central Schools, all have SBHCs. Bassett began the SBHC program 25 years ago at Delaware Academy Central School in Delhi, NY.