



***Wilson Area School  
Health Centers  
(WASH)***

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# *All About WASH*

- Cooperative effort between Wilson County Schools and Wilson County Health Department
  - Currently Four WASH Centers
    - Forest Hills Middle School (Opened 1<sup>st</sup> – 2017)
    - Beddingfield High School
    - Fike High School
    - Hunt High School
  - Student's parents/guardians or Employees have to complete paperwork to be seen at WASH
  - Employees can be seen at any of the 4 WASH Centers
  - School health centers serve both the insured and uninsured. WASH bills private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and has a sliding scale fee for non-insured.
- Well Care
  - Sick Care
  - Physical Exams
  - Immunizations
  - DOT Physicals
    - Sports Physicals
    - Health Education
  - Nutrition Services
  - Laboratory Services

*What Does WASH **Look** Like?*







# *What's Happening Now?*

- WASH was invaluable during COVID pandemic
- Tele-medicine has been implemented!
- Added DOT physicals to address bus driver shortages
- Working on adding a mental-health component
- Healthcare Foundation of Wilson – Funding has been earmarked for a WASH clinic in every middle school – need 4 more, adding Darden Middle this summer!
- Mobile dental clinic through the WC Health Department – Began in February 2021

# *What Makes WASH Work?*

- Dr. Kim – You need the **right** medical partner
  - Staff, students, and parents need to trust their provider
  - Follow up is key
  - Extra things matter
- You need a strong champion in the District to resolve issues or provide some resources quickly in the beginning and then monitor it
- Cooperation and communication between the School System and Health Department – Need good **relationship** skills and forget who gets credit
- You gotta figure it out – This issue **happens frequently** in the beginning and anytime you grow the program
- Healthcare Foundation of Wilson – **funding and support** has been massive
- Need a **School Board** that will take a chance on something new
- Maintenance Staff and Principals are also key **partners**

# *Growing Pains*

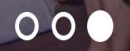
- I worry about the staffing from the medical side – need the right people and more of them
- Sustaining the program relies more on communication/relationships than sheer funding
- Consolidation of schools needs to plan for WASH needs
- Security needs with WASH Centers (e.g., plan for access near doors and office, delivering meds and labs require access, etc.)
- Plan for changing old ways (e.g., physicals for sports, timing, etc.)



# MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGH OUR GRANTS

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***To date, the Healthcare Foundation of Wilson has provided \$1.65 million for WASH Centers!!***

***WASH Should Be  
Available To All Students  
in All Schools  
Across NC***

*This program just makes sense  
for our students, staff, and families*



**IN MY OPINION**

*Questions???*



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