#### Know your acronyms.

CAHC

SBHC

Child & Adolescent Health Center School-Based Health Center

An in-school pediatric office staffed by providers, administer services such as primary care, immunizations, mental health screening and preventative care.

#### SLHC

School-Linked Health Center

Similar to an SBHC, an SLHC is located off school grounds. They often serve multiple school districts.

#### SCHA-MI

School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan

A leader in children's health as an advocate for more than 120 school-based health centers and programs in economically-disadvantaged areas across Michigan. ...IS WHAT
SCHOOLS ARE SAYING
TO THOUSANDS
OF STUDENTS
ACROSS MICHIGAN.

#### **HEALTHY KIDS LEARN BETTER.**



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### Two years

Missing three or more days of school per month can set a student back an average of two full years of learning behind his or her peers.

(AttendanceWork

82%

Clinic visits where students returned to the classroom immediately following the appointment.

(SCHA-MI fact sheet)



As you take your seat in the chamber thousands of kids' seats at school remain empty. Across the state, 233,582 students in grades K-12 were chronically absent last school year. Research shows that these absences are often tied to health problems, such as asthma, diabetes and mental health issues. This means lower test scores, decreased graduation rates, and a damaged state economy.

Child and Adolescent Health
Centers (CAHCs) in Michigan
schools can help. Compared to
students who don't have access
to in-school CAHC services, those
who use CAHCs are significantly
more likely to stay in school,
see academic improvements, and
graduate from high school.

# Helping students, helping you.

We know the specifics around healthcare access can get a little complicated. That's why we're happy to help you understand the insand-outs of school-based health for children in Michigan.

We're the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI), and for more than 20 years we've worked to establish 123 CAHCs in economically-disadvantaged counties across the state. Providers administer primary healthcare and mental health services for students right in their own school. We've seen our efforts pay off through increased attendance rates, test scores and graduation rates.

## How you can improve our students' futures:

Support funding for school-based health and share our mission.

Attend our Advocacy Day on February 12, 2019, in the Mackinac Room in the Anderson House Office Building.

Visit a CAHC near you to see our impact first-hand.

Call Renee Edmondson to schedule a tour. 517-908-0847