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COMTREA OPENS HEALTH CENTER IN THE DUNKLIN R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Herculaneum, MO (February 1, 2019) – Healthcare is now easier to access in the <u>Dunklin R-5 School District</u>. With a grant from <u>Delta Dental</u>, <u>COMTREA Health Center – Dunklin</u> has opened as a new school-based health center at Senn-Thomas Middle School.

"This school-based health center would not have been possible without the support of Delta Dental," said Sue Curfman, CEO of COMTREA.

At the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the center on February 1, 2019, attendees toured the facility and heard from Stan Stratton, Dunklin District Superintendent, Sue Curfman, CEO of COMTREA, Allison Izsak, Director of Communications of Delta Dental, and Becky Ruth, Missouri Congresswoman.

School-based health centers promote healthy living to students and their families, offering quality care without leaving school property.

All students in the district can receive dental care or behavioral health services during regular school hours. A shuttle bus transports students between buildings, removing barriers of access such as parents leaving work early or students missing multiple class periods.

COMTREA takes all forms of insurance, and provides one-on-one meetings to help navigate and apply for Medicaid or a sliding fee scale.

Delta Dental granted COMTREA \$99,724 to fund renovations of an existing classroom in the school, along with acquiring equipment and supplies for a two-chair dental clinic.

Fox C-6 School District and Northwest R-1 School District have previously partnered with COMTREA Health Center to open school-based health centers, reaching students, families, and communities in need of accessible and affordable health care.

COMTREA Health Center serves Jefferson County from twenty locations offering health care services in primary care, dental care, and psychiatry, and community services such as mental health, substance use treatment, children's advocacy, school liaison services, canine therapy, and a domestic violence shelter.

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