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Dear Parents,

Did you know that tooth decay is the most common childhood disease; five (5) times more common than asthma!

ORAL HEALTH IMPACT PROJECT (OHIP), in cooperation with the New Bedford School District, is providing dental services within your child's school. Services are provided by a Massachusetts licensed dentist in the safe and familiar surroundings of your child's school and include: Oral Hygiene Instruction, Dental Exam, X-Rays, Cleaning, Fillings, Topical Fluoride Application, and Preventative Sealants. A Sealant is a painless procedure that is 80% effective at preventing tooth decay. A written notification of the oral health exam results and any treatment performed will also be sent home with your child on the day of treatment.

This program is available to all students, although it is not mandatory or free and is primarily designed for children who do not receive regular dental care. The dentistry will be paid for through Mass Health, Dental Insurance, or private pay as it would in a private dental office. Assistance is available to enroll in Mass Health if your child is eligible, and a sliding scale is available for private pay parents. If you would like your child to participate in this program, please complete the information on the reverse side and return this form to your child's school. The informed consent will stay in effect while your child attends this school. If your child requires more extensive dental care, an additional consent will be necessary. (Note: It is vital that you inform the dentist and/or the school nurse of any changes in your child's medical history.)

Our goal is to create a "dental home" for your child and a simple solution for you as a parent while providing your child with the best dental care possible.

Sincerely,

ORAL HEALTH IMPACT PROJECT (OHIP)