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ADRIENNE USHER, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

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To: Adrienne Usher, Deputy Superintendent

From: Megan Hatter, Director of Grant Management & Family/Community Programs

Date: October 8, 2025

Re: Big Smiles Dental Program at the Board of Education Meeting on October 20, 2025

Dr. Usher,

This is a request to obtain approval from the Board of Education to offer the Big Smiles Dental Program to our students in elementary, middle and high schools. Dental care was one of the top three health concerns reported by parents on the last Family Resource and Youth Services Center Needs Assessment, conducted in 2022.

Our district has utilized Big Smiles dental services in the past and providers are again available this school year in our Bullitt County communities. The Big Smiles Dental Program offers free dental exams, teeth cleaning, fluoride applications, x-rays, sealants and treatment of cavities as necessary. Parent/guardian permission forms are distributed and returned prior to all exams and treatment services.

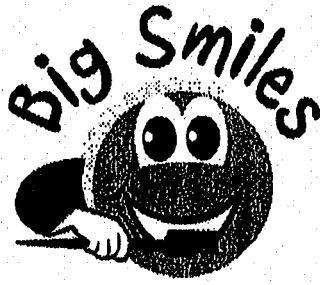
The Big Smiles Dental Program bills Medicaid or private insurance directly so there would be no cost to our schools or school district. For students without dental insurance there is a self pay option. The attached MOU clarifies qualifying requirements and signifies the commitments of offering this program to our families.

Best regards,

*Megan Hatter*, Grant Management & Family/Community Programs

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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The mission of Big Smiles Kentucky PSC (dba "Big Smiles Kentucky") is to improve the quality of children's lives by providing preventive and, where appropriate, restorative dental services to children often left without care. With parental/guardian permission, Big Smiles Kentucky can provide a dental exam, cleaning, fluoride treatments, x-rays and sealants, where applicable. In addition, restorative services such as simple fillings, pulpotomies (a root canal on baby teeth), extractions of baby teeth and pulp caps are offered. We generously provide donated care to children-in-need which includes a cleaning, screening and fluoride treatment. No child is ever turned away for lack of resources.

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish an understanding between:

Big Smiles Kentucky

And

Bullitt County School District

### **Big Smiles Kentucky agrees:**

- At a date to be mutually agreed upon, to provide preventive and restorative dental services, including: exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments (including Silver Diamine Fluoride), as well as x-rays and sealants where applicable, in addition to simple fillings, pulpotomies on baby teeth, baby teeth extractions and pulp caps. Such care shall be offered to the children with parental/guardian consent.
- All children ages 18 months -18 years are eligible.
- Each site will be served by our licensed Kentucky dentist(s) and/or hygienist(s) and/or dental assistants.
- There is no charge to the schools or District.
- When available, Medicaid covers 100% of treatment. Most insurances are accepted. For those without insurance, self-pay options are available.
- When children-in-need without insurance, Public Aid or the ability to self-pay receive grant funding, a dental screening, cleaning and fluoride treatment (excluding Silver Diamine Fluoride) will be provided at no expense once per school year, with parental signature and completion of our grant form confirming eligibility.
- Restorative dental care, including services listed above, is available only to those children with Medicaid, CHIP or applicable private insurance coverage.

- In the end, no child is turned away based on his/her ability to pay.
- All children will be given a "report card" for their parents' review. Copies of x-rays are available to the family and dental offices.

**Bullitt County School District agrees to:**

- Distribute Permission Forms to students in the fall and spring semesters of each school year and at other times upon request, as well as to collect the Permission Forms from the students in advance of the dental visit, and to send the completed Permission Forms to Big Smiles Kentucky as far in advance of the dental visit as reasonably possible.
- Communicate directly with parents via electronic medium (i.e. text, email) and/or robo-calls, as well as posting to the school/district website and social media pages, to make them aware that the in-school dentist is coming to school and provide parents with the online sign-up option, available at [www.myschooldentist.com](http://www.myschooldentist.com)
- Provide a space that is a minimum of 20 feet x 20 feet including 2 standard power outlets and access to water, suitable for the staff of Big Smiles Kentucky to set up its "dental office".
- Provide a minimum of 25 children per site to be treated. If minimum is not reached, the visit may be rescheduled or cancelled.

This agreement is non-financial in nature. It shall run for a period of one year, and shall be renewed automatically on an annual basis for additional one year terms, unless notified by either party in writing with 30 days' notice. If necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under this agreement, Big Smiles may assign this agreement to another dental practice.

Big Smiles Kentucky PSC  
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Lexington, KY 40504

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bullitt County School District  
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Shepherdsville, KY 40165

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