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We desperately need your help to have HB 2445 pass! Our four SBHC's are closing after this school year because of the new requirements mandated by the state for becoming part of a CCO. As stated in the news release from Eugene School District 4J on March 6, 2013:

"District staff began to consider other models for providing student health services this fall, prompted in part by new state requirements that would require the district to invest in new billing and electronic health records systems to meet state requirements."

We have passed our state certification without a problem every time and have a new billing system up and running as of this year. Our problem is that Trillium is not interested in having us be a part of their CCO. We are being closed due to lack of funding to put in a EMR system now. This leaves our students without the care they need. Many of our families have no means to get the proper care for their children, even though they may have OHP. We consider ourselves the "safety net of safety net" clinics. Many parents are unable to take time off to take their children to the doctor, have no transportation, have no money for the medication, gas, bus money, etc. These are the students that we see. Some of our students are non-documented. For those students, we are the only choice for medical help.

Please consider the clinics who are most able to help students, dealing with problems immediately. We find out health issues when they first present because we are available to the students. The mental and physical health of these wonderful students and their younger siblings needs support. Thank you for recognizing this.

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