

# WVBE Policy Dental Requirements- Strategies for the 2015-2016 Enrollment

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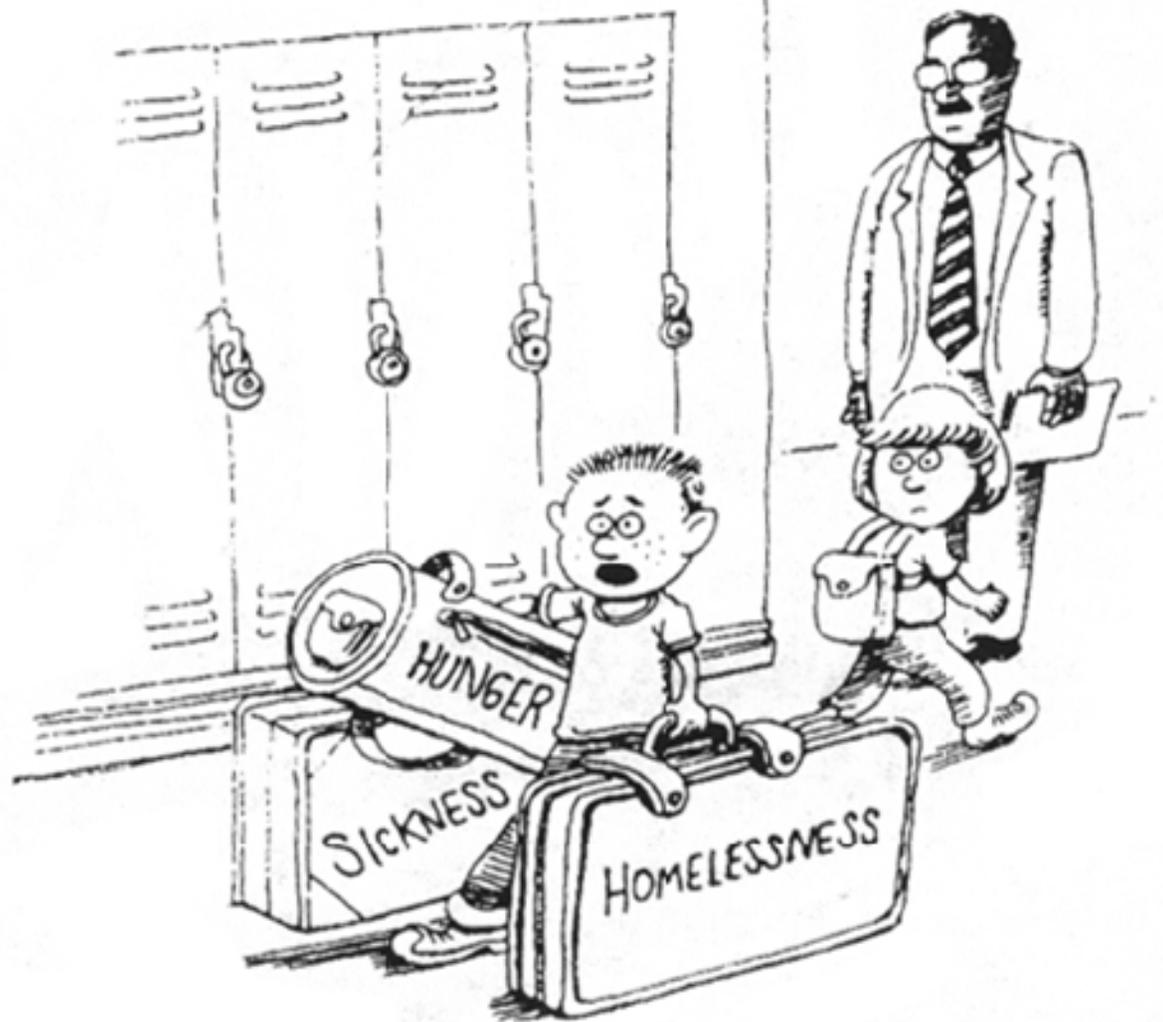
## Webinar Objectives:

- Understand the new dental examination requirement for new enterers in PreK and K in 2015/16;
- Learn about working within the Community Schools/Community Learning Center framework for dental services to students and families;
- Summarize sections 5 and 7 of the WVBE Policy 2423-Health Promotion and Disease Prevention which includes the dental examination requirement and quality assurance for care;
- Identify key strategies for the 2015/16 pre-enrollment dental examination;
- Review the importance of a dental examination (comprehensive) versus a dental assessment (last resort); and
- Review the importance of working with local Dentist, dental providers, public health certified dental hygienist and community supports for successful access to oral health care for children and families.



# WHY DO STUDENTS NEED A DENTAL EXAM?





"Could someone help me with these? I'm late for math class."

## Status of Oral Health

More time is lost when students miss school because of toothaches. An estimated 51 million school hours per year are lost due to dental related illness. Overall, children with good oral health spend more time in school learning.



# Vision

- Community Schools
- Ensuring Medical and Dental Home
- Check points to promote Health and Wellness for academic success for new enterers and Grades 2, 7 and 12
  - Immunizations
  - HealthCheck
  - Dental Exam

## What is a full-service community school?

A public elementary or secondary school that participates in a community-based effort to coordinate and integrate educational, developmental, family, health, and other student services through partnerships with community-based organizations public/private entities, families and other key stakeholders.

**Full Service Community Schools  
Include  
Strategic Alignment of:**

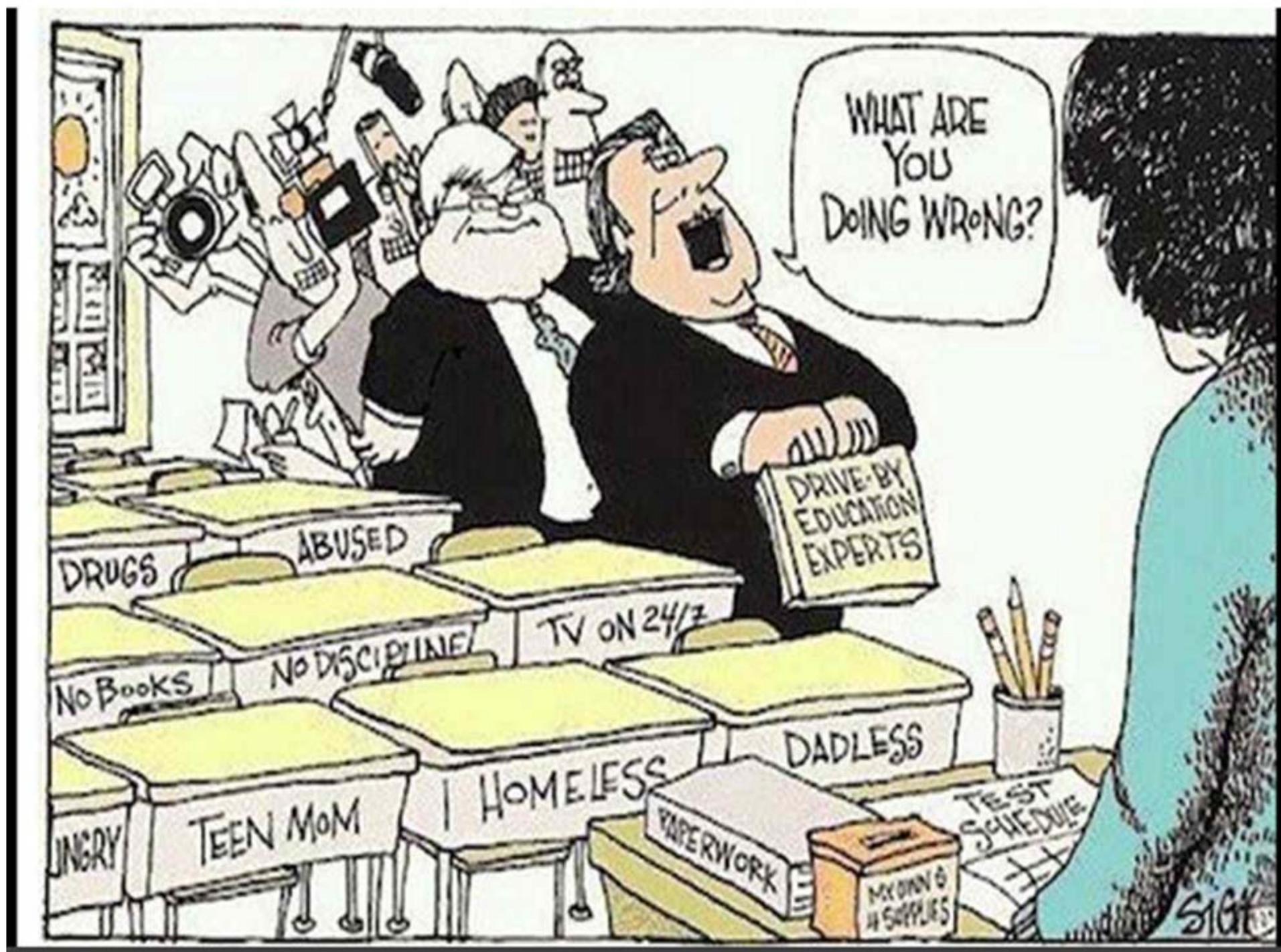
- Health and Social Supports
- Engaging Instructions
- Extra Learning Opportunities
- Early Childhood Development
- College, Career & Citizenship
- Community Engagement
- Family Engagement
- Youth Development
- Strategic Alignment



# Community School Policy

Policy 2425 – COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:  
PROMOTING HEALTH, SAFETY AND  
WELLBEING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS  
OF STUDENTS





# WVBE Policy 2423

## §126-51-5. Health Promotion through School Screenings/Examinations.

**Section 5.3. Oral Health:** New enterers in West Virginia public school **Pre-K and Kindergarten** and students progressing to grades 2, 7 and 12 **should** have on file **within 45 days** of entry or prior to the first day of school attendance **a record of an oral health examination**. The following transition plan will request each new enterer in Pre-K and Kindergarten and grades 2, 7 and 12 to show proof of an oral health examination beginning the school year (SY) **2015/16 all new enterers in Pre-K and Kindergarten**; beginning SY 2016/17 all students entering grade 2; beginning SY 2017/18 all students entering grade 7; and beginning SY 2018/19 all students entering grade 12. All examination forms **shall be signed and dated by the student's dentist and completed within the prior 12 calendar months**. If the student does not have proof of an oral health examination, the student will **automatically be enrolled into the WVDHHR-Oral Health Program (OHP) Oral Disease Prevention Project** to receive an **oral health assessment** regardless of their ability to pay.



# Phase-In Plan

## Dental Examination

- 2015/16 **PreK** and **K**
- 2016/17 PreK , K and **grade 2**
- 2017/18 PreK, K, grades 2 and **7**
- 2018/19 PreK, K and grades 2, 7 and **12**

# WVBE Policy 2423

## §126-51.7. Quality Assurance for School-Based Services.

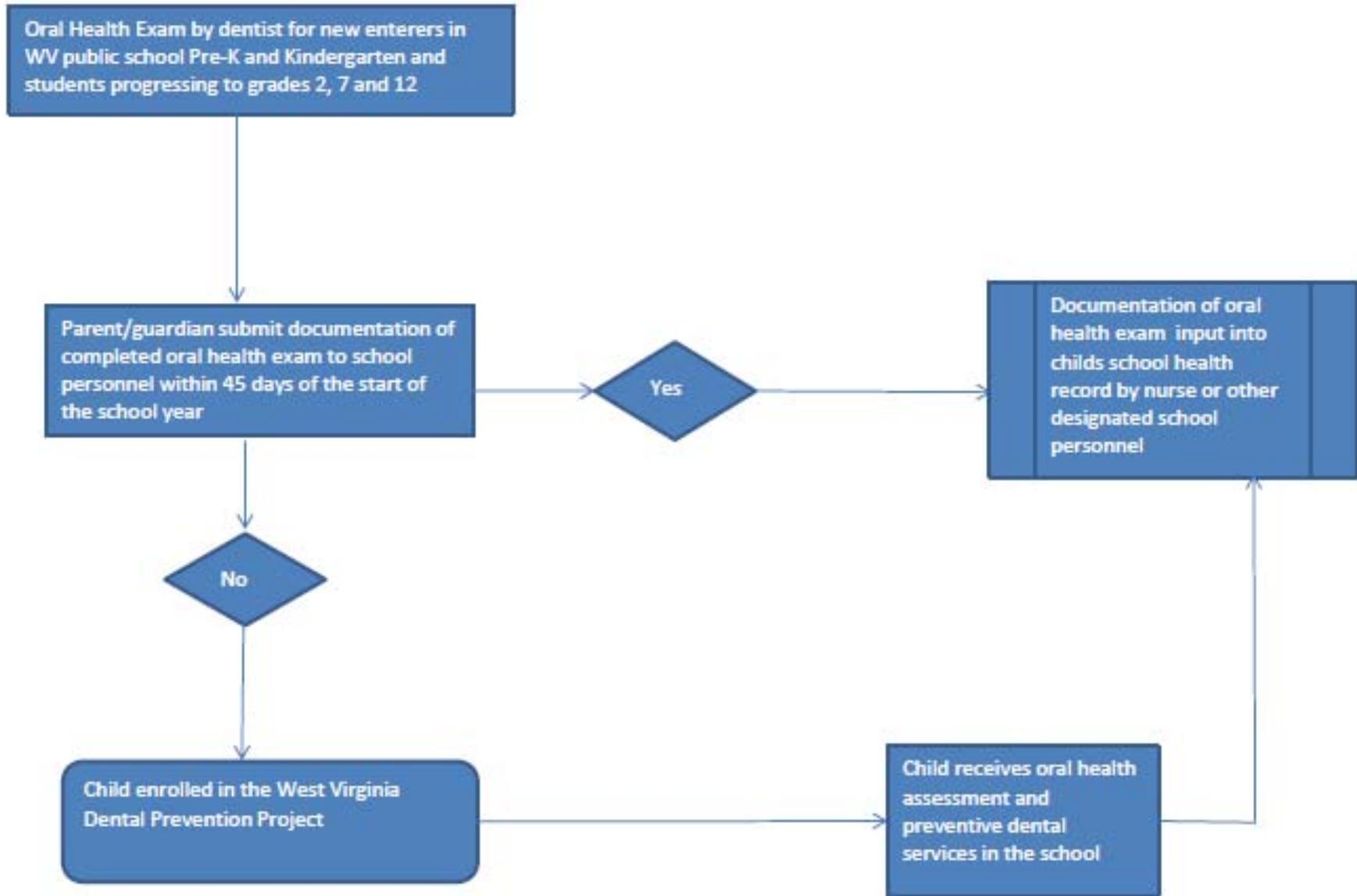
**Section 7.1.** All community services performed in the school setting should be regular and ongoing services that are **evidence-based or a promising practice and follow best practices and guidelines**. The terms regular and ongoing services as referenced refer to community services that are provided within the school in an agreed upon manner between the school and community partner(s) which work toward promoting both the academic, health and social service needs of students.

**Section 7.1.c.** Oral Health services shall incorporate the protocols set forth by the WVDHHR-OHP.



# What does it mean?

- Need to request parent/guardian bring in proof of dental examination completed in the last 12 month of pre-enrollment or day they bring exam with date and signature of Dentist.
- Concerns are lack of dental insurance, Dentist limiting the number of Medicaid patients, lack of dental providers in your area, etc.
- Documentation? Children in Head Start?



# FACT

Dental sealants are effective in preventing dental decay. School-based dental sealant programs have been shown to **reduce dental decay** on the chewing surfaces of back teeth by **60 percent over a five-year period**.

They are 100 percent effective when fully retained.

# What is the Difference?

## Oral Health Screening, Dental Assessment and Dental Examination

- An **oral health screening** is usually completed by a nurse or medical provider to see if your child has any possible concerns with their teeth or mouth to detect any type of mouth ulcers or oral diseases or concern with your child's teeth to make a referral to a Dentist.
- A **dental assessment** is completed by a dental hygienist or Dentist to provide a simple structural assessment of your child's mouth with the aid of an x-ray. Your child should see a Dentist for a dental examination inclusive of an x-ray within 6 months of the dental assessment.  
**Last Resort for new requirement.**
- A **dental examination** is a complete oral health assessment inclusive of an x-ray of the dental bones to diagnose and treat any dental concerns for oral health prevention completed by a Dentist. **Primary focus for new requirement.**



# Importance of working with local dental providers...establishing dental homes



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# FACT

Unfortunately, many parents cannot afford or access dental care. **Schools can help children receive necessary preventive care in order to stay healthy and in school.** School-based dental services keep students healthy in schools and learning versus absent for toothaches and leaving a full day for a one-hour appointment with a Dentist.



# What is the required documentation?

- Students must provide proof that they have had a **dental examination within the last 12 months** at the time of enrollment. At a minimum, it must show the **date the exam** was given and the **dentist's signature**. **There is no special form to show proof of examination**. In order for the school and ODPP to assist with follow-up care coordination with your Dentist, it would be beneficial if the information indicated need for restorative care.

# Documentation

- Temporarily...WVEIS on the Web (WOW)
- Future...Oral Health Data Base populated by dental providers which talks to WOW to share dental exam and oral health assessment information with schools.  
Single-point sign-on.



# Documentation

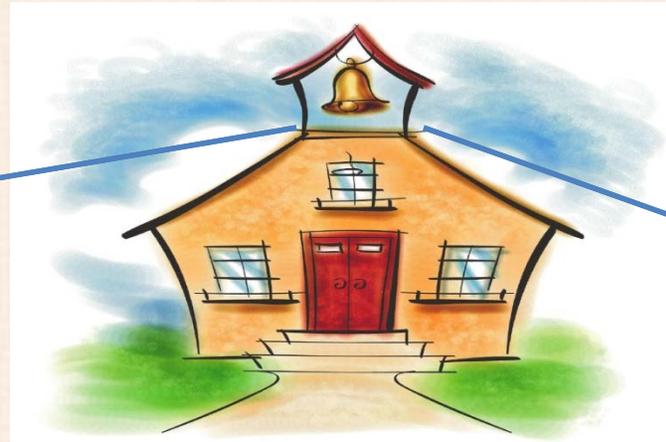
- Children in Head Start



**HEAD START**

An Office of the Administration for Children and Families  
Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (ECLKC)

# Promotion of Medical and Dental Home



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## Key strategies for the 2015/16 pre-enrollment

- Outreach to staff...School Tool Kit
- parents and community...School Tool Kit
- Outreach to local Dentist and dental hygienist...meeting, letter, email, wellness meetings, etc.
- Head Start already has dental exam requirement
- School-based dental services
- Work with local public health certified dental hygienist to assist with dental assessments if needed
- Work with Marshall University-Oral Health Coordinators for education, fluoride rinse and oral health support



## Should schools include a dental screening and/or assessment in their pre-enrollment day?

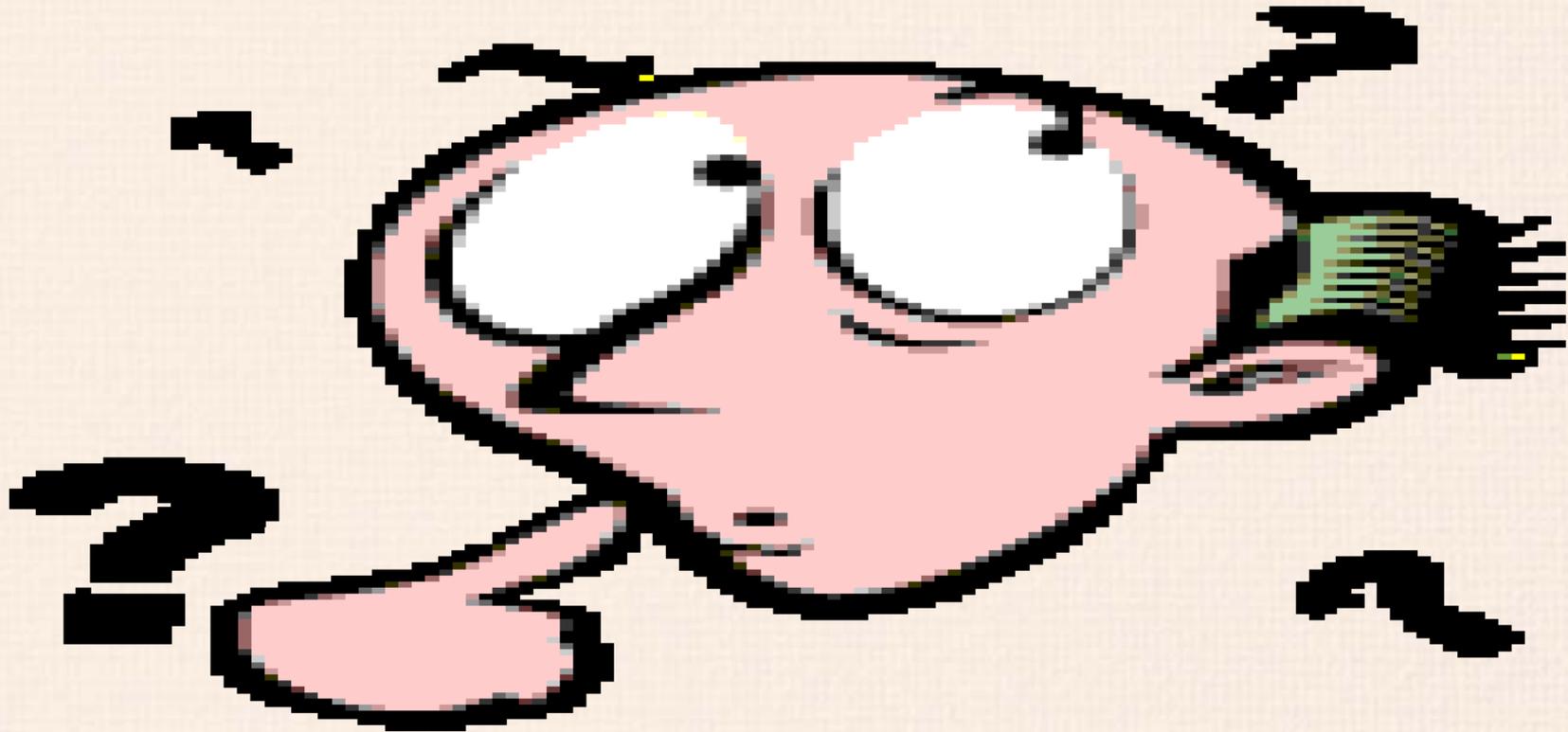
**No.** Schools should work toward encouraging students to **establish a dental home with a local Dentist and ensuring students have dental and medical insurance coverage.** Many schools that provide onsite dental screenings/assessment miss the purpose of this requirement, to establish a dental home and biannual dental exams which include an examination, x-ray, diagnosis and treatment by a Dentist. Please continue to work towards proof of the dental examination by using onsite pre-enrollment HIPAA/FERPA consents to obtain records directly from the student's Dentist or work with local Dentist to obtain bidirectional consents to share dental examinations. If a dental exam cannot be obtained from the parent then the Oral Disease Prevention Program will provide a simple oral health assessment with parent/guardian consent at the school as the last resort.



# FACT

Portable dental equipment can be set up in a school gymnasium, library, classroom corner or a hallway if necessary. It takes approximately **45 to 60 minutes to set up** equipment and supplies and approximately **30 to 45 minutes to disassemble** and pack up.

# QUESTIONS?



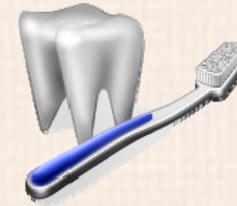
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**Thank You!**



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