

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
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Good evening. For the record, my name is Isabela Villarreal and I am the Youth Leadership Coordinator with Next Up, a local nonprofit that amplifies the voice and leadership of diverse young people in order to create a more equitable and just Oregon. We urge you to fund plans for the school-based health center at Lincoln High School.

Without a health center located within the school, students will be much more at risk for not receiving the proper, confidential medical and mental health care they need. By not having a health facility on campus, students will continue to face numerous barriers to getting proper care, including transportation, time, cost, and confidentiality.

Through the health center, High School students would be able to access the health and mental care resources they need and deserve. The health center would allow students to access confid (d a)6 72 446.180tsuffered from

family to ask for help. My counselor at school was a safe, stable, and non-judgmental space that I felt that I could come to - creating a pathway for me to receive the proper care that I needed. The stigma