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To whom it may concern,

Warrensville Heights City School District supports House Bill 675 – important legislation that will authorize a tax levy to support the Hope for a Smile Program, which will offer dental care for thousands of youth whose families simply can't afford it.

House Bill 675 acts as a preventative measure to future oral health issues. Research shows the sooner children begin getting regular dental checkups, the healthier their mouths will stay throughout their lives. Early and regular checkups will prevent medically uninsured scholars from all around Ohio from getting cavities and even tooth decay – painful issues that can cause a distraction from learning in the classroom.

At Warrensville Heights City School District, our vision is to inspire confidence and encourage success for scholars. One way, we've done so is by partnering with mobile dental clinics to service our students the same way HB 675 would. It's a practical solution to an issue prevalent throughout the state.

Warrensville Heights City School District is fully committed to providing our scholars the tools and, equally as important, the resources needed to succeed in every area of their lives. This legislations fulfills a basic need for many Ohio scholars and for this reason, our school district encourages a yes vote on HB 675.

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