



School-Based Health Initiative



Dear Bigfork Community,

Recently, Bigfork School received a grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation to support increased collaboration with our existing health care resources to serve the varied needs of our entire school community, including but not limited to chronic and acute health conditions, injuries and mental health support. With the grant money, Alyssa Grekoff, RN was hired and will be working as our School Health Liaison. We are celebrating and excited to share this news with you!

With this grant, the Bigfork School will be joining the Montana Healthcare Foundation's School-Based Health Initiative. The Montana Healthcare Foundation is the state's largest health-focused, private foundation that works to improve the health and well-being of all Montanans. The School-Based Health Initiative supports new and existing partnerships between schools and health care providers to create school-based health centers. For more information about the School-Based Health Initiative, visit mthcf.org/priority/school-based-health-initiative.

Ultimately, the goal is to create connections within our little "mountain-lake town" and help bridge the gap between those in need and the resources which are available. As I like to say, "you don't know, what you don't know." We want to work with you, your students, families and staff to break down barriers which will allow us to achieve healthy minds, bodies and relationships by utilizing our existing healthcare system. You may be wondering, "what role do we play in this?" Help us find the faces that can benefit from additional support, we want to advocate for them.

We are eagerly and passionately awaiting our opportunity to work together and serve our precious community. We believe it takes a village and want to promote holistic health which will maximize the learning that takes place. If you know a Bigfork student and/or family that could benefit from coordination and support in finding resources, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to connecting with you to better serve our community.

Kind regards,

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