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Dear Principal:

The majority of students in New York City schools are not receiving the preventive and restorative services they need. Dental decay is our most common childhood illness, and, with current treatment, it is largely preventable.

As a result, the Office of School Health (OSH) has developed a process for outside organizations to provide these services in our schools. Organizations must treat all students without regard to insurance status. I urge you to give serious consideration to developing a dental services program in your school.

One of the organizations participating in this program is Smile NY, and it has expressed an interest in working in your school. Smile NY is currently providing oral health services in over 600 New York City schools including many in your district.

Dr. Marcy Borofsky and/or Dr. Beth Posner of Smile NY may be contacting you to discuss developing a dental program in your school.

If you have questions about this program, do not hesitate to contact me or Ramneet Kalra, director of the OSH dental program (RKalra@health.nyc.gov)

Sincerely,

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