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Oakwood Schools and Kettering Medical Center Partner to Enhance Services

Oakwood-- The Oakwood City Schools and Kettering Medical Center have signed a four year agreement that is valued at \$400,000 over the 4 year life of the contract. The expanded contract, valued at \$100,000 each year, provides sports medicine, health and wellness, and physical educational services to the staff, students and community without any charge to the Oakwood School District. The agreement is a demonstration of Kettering Medical Center's mission to contribute to improving the quality of life in the communities it serves through healthcare and education.

Of the \$100,000 annually, \$60,000 will be allocated to sports medicine programs, health and wellness initiatives and physical education services. Included in the contract are scholarship dollars for students, Kettering College of Medical Arts career planning speakers and student job shadowing opportunities. An additional \$40,000 annually will help offset the cost of a physical education teacher as part of the commitment to maintain healthy lifestyles for students and will involve Kettering Sports Medicine healthcare professionals working in collaboration with the school staff.

Dr. Tytko, Kettering Sports Medicine Physician, Oakwood Team Physician and Kettering Sports Medicine Fellowship Director, has had a relationship with the district for over 25 years

Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent of the Oakwood Schools stated, "We value our partnership with the Kettering Medical Center and will benefit from the expertise of their staff in both the services provided and the enhancement of our district's Health and Wellness Plan for our students and staff. Kettering Medical Center's financial commitment is bolstering our instructional program at a critical time economically."

“As a long term resident of the Oakwood Community, I am pleased to be a part of this partnership with Oakwood City Schools which supports our Kettering Health Network mission to improve health, wellness, and physical education for school students and staff in our community,” stated Diane Ryckman, Director of the Orthopedic Service Line & Rehabilitation Medicine.

Oakwood School Board President Elizabeth Reger commented, “This contract is evidence of the efforts made to look to sources other than the taxpayers for resources and funds to maintain and enhance school programs.” She further stated, “We are certainly grateful for the support and generosity exhibited by Kettering Medical Center towards education in general and specifically with respect to this current contract.”

This four year contract will save the district money and actually provide additional revenue to the Oakwood Schools to use for instruction. The contract will run from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2014.