



# *Northern Cass School District No. 97*

## *Home of the Jaguars*



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Happy Back-to-School! Over the summer, the Northern Cass Health and Wellness Center team has been hard at work. We would like to share some updates on the project:

- The Northern Cass Community Health & Wellness Center (NCCHWC) non-profit received its certificate of good standing from the state of North Dakota and is awaiting the award of federal non-profit status.
- The NCCHWC Board of Directors consists of four community leaders, two Northern Cass school board members, one Essentia Health employee, one Northern Cass staff member and two non-voting Northern Cass staff members.
- Northern Cass learner, Maleah P. is designing a logo for the non-profit and will be shared soon on social media. We are so grateful to have such talented and artistic learners at Northern Cass!
- In June, Northern Cass staff Dr. Steiner, Paige Carlson and Amber Lockhart attended the National School-Based Health Alliance Conference in Washington, D.C. to gather best practices and talk with other rural school-based health centers. The group also met with ND Congressional staff to discuss this project.
- The Northern Cass School Board contracted with PACE Fundraising and the fundraising team is gearing up for visits with community members, organizations, and businesses in the coming weeks. Fundraising is expected to continue through the rest of the year. The contract with PACE will transition from the Northern Cass School Board to the Northern Cass Community Health & Wellness Center.
- Discussions with potential partners to provide programs and services have begun. We have also met with a group in Vermont that is hoping to try a similar project in their rural area. This unique project and the support of our amazing communities has caught the attention of people around the country!
- The NCCHWC has a meeting with architecture firm Zerr-Berg to engage in the next steps of the design process.

More updates to come! You can also visit the Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center Facebook page at [Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center Task Force | Hunter ND | Facebook](#).

If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to Dr. Steiner, Paige Carlson or Amber Lockhart.