

Bridgeport School Based Health Centers

The Bridgeport SBHCs celebrated their one year anniversary of management by Optimus Health Care and Southwest Community Health Center on March 5, 2010. Each organization manages 5 sites, spanning elementary, middle school, and high school age students. Two celebrations were held today, one at Harding High School Based Health Center, and a second event at Read School Based Health Center. The celebrations were attended by Mayor Bill Finch, Senator Ed Gomes, Councilman Andre Baker, Principals Birks and McLeod of the respective schools, Optimus Health Care CEO Lud Spinelli, Southwest Community Health Center CEO Kathy Yacavone, school based health center staff, and students from each school. Mayor Bill Finch praised the work of the school based health centers as they address the health care needs of children in Bridgeport, and presented a proclamation at each event. The SBHCs have been successful in enrolling 50% of the students at each school so that children and adolescents can benefit from the medical, mental health, and dental services available on site.



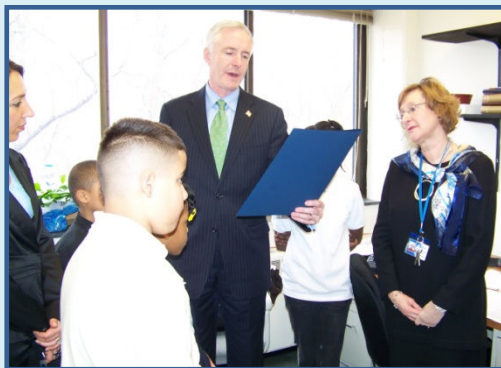
Senator Ed Gomes and CEO Lud Spinelli



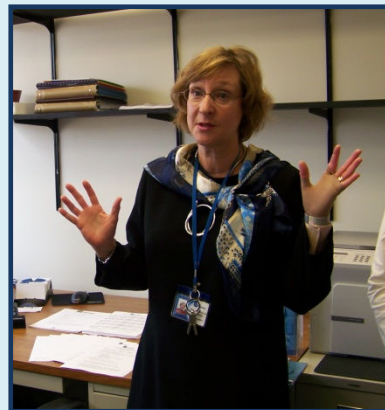
Esperina Baptiste, Principal Birks, Councilman Andre Baker, Optimus CEO Lud Spinelli, and SBHC Director Linda Smith



Harding Principal Birks and Mayor Bill Finch



Mayor Finch reads a Proclamation, surrounded by Read School students



Southwest CEO Kathy Yacavone describes SBHC successes over the last year



Read student, Principal McLeod, Kathy Yacavone, SBHC Director Christine Jardim, and the Mayor