

# Oyler's School Based Health Attracts National Attention

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A Cincinnati public school model is attracting national attention. Representatives from as far away as New York are coming to Oyler Elementary to learn more about the "Community Learning Center Initiative." Local 12's Tiffany Wilson shows us what Oyler is doing, that makes it so successful.

Healthy kids perform better in school. Today, the students at Oyler are getting flu vaccinations...an important step to improving overall student attendance. And the more kids are in class, the more they can learn. "Before we started this program, Oyler was the lowest achieving school in Cincinnati. We were in academic emergency for several years since risen to academic watch and now we're in continuous improvement."

The school's dramatic results are attracting national attention. Today a delegation from New York is learning how they can recreate Oyler's success in the Big Apple. The program includes individual tutors, mental health outreach and free food - all of these components are part of the school's community learning center initiative. "You can't ignore the other pieces outside of academics and if you treat the whole child, then you will have children that are successful and I think Cincinnati has figured that out and you've figured out how to do it well."

School officials from Knoxville have also checked out Oyler's program. The initiative does not cost tax payers any extra money - rather school officials say they've learned how to organize resources that are already available.