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## Stewart County School District School Based Health Clinic Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**LUMPKIN, GA** - On May 8, 2025, the Stewart County School District, in partnership with Valley Health Care System of Columbus, GA, celebrated the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of its new school-based health center in Stewart County. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive medical, dental, and vision care services to students and staff, addressing the healthcare access challenges prevalent in rural communities.

Superintendent Dr. Michael H. Robinson expressed his enthusiasm for the project, highlighting the district's commitment to student well-being and academic success. He emphasized that by bringing essential health services directly to the school campus, the district is removing barriers to care, such as student attendance, transportation, and cost, which often hinder students' ability to receive timely medical attention.

The collaboration with Valley Health Care System ensures that the health center is staffed with qualified healthcare professionals, including pediatricians, dentists, and optometrists. Services are available to all students and staff, regardless of insurance status, with the center billing insurance providers and Medicaid where applicable.

This school-based health center represents a significant step in promoting health equity and enhancing educational outcomes by ensuring that students are healthy, present, and ready to learn.

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