Tigard-Tualatin School District Welcomes Neighborhood Health Center as New School-Based Health Center Partner - 10/21/19

**District announces new partnership with Neighborhood Health Center to assume management of the Tualatin High School student health center. Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center consolidates services to Tigard High School.**

**Tigard/Tualatin, Oregon** – Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) Superintendent Sue Rieke-Smith announced today that Neighborhood Health Center (NHC) will join the district as a new School-Based Health Clinic (SBHC) partner. Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center (VGMHC) will continue to be the SBHC service provider at Tigard High School and NHC will be the new provider at Tualatin High School (TuHS) beginning October 21, 2019.

VGMHC, who opened their first student health center in partnership with TTSD in 2007, has consolidated their school-based health services to Tigard High School (THS). Previously the sole service provider for TTSD, VGMHC transitioned out of the Tualatin High School health clinic, which opened in May of 2015, at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Working in tandem with the Washington County Department of Health and Human Services, TTSD is pleased to announce they have formalized a partnership with NHC to assume the delivery of health services at the district’s TuHS School-based health center. NHC will operate from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

“The inclusive delivery of health services to our students and families is a top priority,” said Superintendent Rieke-Smith. “We are very happy to introduce NHC to the Tualatin community. They have a strong reputation dedicated to serving diverse populations and a spirit of partnership that will complement our work dedicated to the health and wellbeing of our students at TuHS.”

We thank VGMHC for their 12 years and counting delivering health services to TTSD students and families. We look forward to supporting their continued work at THS. With the addition of NHC, we are certain we have a solid foundation of medical and mental health supports.”

**About Neighborhood Health Center**

Neighborhood Health Center (NHC) is a non-profit community health center providing comprehensive primary health care services to over 16,000 patients annually, regardless of the patient’s ability to pay. NHC operates eight locations in Washington and Clackamas Counties including seven clinics and one administrative site. Clinics include Tanasbourne Medical/Dental and Hillsboro Clinics as well as Merlo Station School-Based Health Center in Washington Co; Canby Medical, Milwaukie Medical, Oregon City Dental and Milwaukie Dental clinics in Clackamas County. NHC employs
125 full time staff including clinical, community is governed by a dedicated, patient-majority Board of Directors, committed to the vision of building healthy communities, one neighbor at a time.

Operational since 2010, NHC has been providing exceptional primary health care services to the communities going on ten years. Building valuable partnerships with local providers, NHC has increased access to primary care services for a population largely underinsured/uninsured, unemployed, and living in poverty. Services are designed to meet the needs of low-income, uninsured and underinsured individuals and families and includes primary care, preventive care, behavioral health, immunizations, reproductive health, referrals to specialty care providers, preventive and restorative dental services, and clinical pharmacy services.

For more information, go to www.NHCOregon.org.