September 13, 2016

Dr. Carl Todoro DDS
Knox County Health Department
140 Dameron Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37917

Re: Letter of Support – School Based Dental Preventative Sealant Program

Dear Dr. Todoro:

It is with great pleasure that Knox County Schools offers support for the Knox County Health Department School Based Dental Preventative and Sealant Program. Oral hygiene has been well established as an important component of good overall health. Lack of dental care has been associated with increased school absenteeism and/or poor academic performance. As research indicates, the application of sealants significantly improves dental health by providing a barrier against tooth decay.

Profound disparities in oral health exist in the underserved populations and people who are economically disadvantaged. These disparities can significantly impact a child’s health through their adult years. Early access to dental care and dental education, establishes a basis of general knowledge in the importance of maintaining dental health.

Knox County Schools values the continuing relationship with the Knox Health Department Dental Services. Together we are improving access to dental care and lessening the effects that accompany poor oral hygiene. Thank you for providing this dental program and for promoting dental health for our students.

Sincerely,

Melissa Massie
Executive Director of Student Support Services
Knox County Schools