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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Erie County Community Health Center Announces Opening of New School-Based Health Center at Margareta Local Schools**

Sandusky, OH – [May 15, 2026] – The Erie County Community Health Center (ECCHC) and the Erie County Health Department are proud to announce the official opening of the Margareta School-Based Health Center.

This new facility, located at the Margareta Local Schools Board Office, 305 S Washington in Castalia, is designed to provide students, staff, and the surrounding community with convenient access to high-quality healthcare. By placing medical services directly within the school environment, the health center aims to reduce barriers to care, minimize time away from the classroom, and support the overall well-being of the Polar Bear community.

“Opening this center at Margareta is a major milestone in our mission to expand healthcare access throughout our region,” said Troy Chaffin, CEO of the Erie County Community Health Center. “We believe that healthy students are better learners. This partnership allows us to provide essential primary care and preventive services right where students spend the majority of their day, ensuring they have the support they need to thrive academically and personally.”

The Margareta School-Based Health Center will offer a wide range of services, including routine physicals, immunizations, acute care for illness or injury, oral health services, and mental health support.

“This project is the result of a strong, collaborative vision between the health department and the Margareta Local School District,” said Peter T. Schade, Erie County Health Commissioner. “We are committed to building a healthier future for Erie County, and that starts with our youth.”

As a HRSA GOLD Quality award-winning organization for two consecutive years, ECCHC continues to prioritize excellence in clinical care and community outreach. The Margareta site joins a growing network of health center locations dedicated to providing comprehensive, affordable care to all residents.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and public open house will be held June 25, 2026 from 12pm-4pm. For more information about the services offered or to learn how to enroll a student in the health center program, please visit our website.

#### **About Erie County Health Department:**

The Erie County Health Department remains dedicated to improving the health and wellness of all residents through accessible, compassionate, and comprehensive healthcare services. ECHD operates the Erie County Community Health Center, the Erie County Detox, Kaptur Rogowski House, and Compass Point, providing adult day services for Alzheimer’s and Dementia patients.

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