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A big welcome goes out to the students at Benson High School from staff members at the new Benson Wellness Center (pictured, from left) Ruben Reyes-Santiago, Dr. Alex Verdieck, Nancy Zink and Caroline Bleckmann.

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Providing students with easy access to health services, Benson Polytechnic High School recently unveiled their new student wellness center, in conjuncture with Oregon Health and Sciences University.

Located on the Benson campus, the wellness center is staffed by OHSU Department of Family Medicine residents and faculty, as well as specialists from the

Wellness at Benson Health center improves outcomes and provides career mentoring

Multnomah County Health Department, Multnomah Education Service District School Health

Services and Western Psychological & Counseling Services.

With the qualified staff, the

center is able to offer a mentorship program to Benson students wanting a career in health care, as

well as fulfilling requirements for the OHSU residents.

The center offers a variety of on-site services to students like sports physicals, mental health care and general health screenings like tuberculosis tests. Health insurance is not required to receive assistance.

Spanning 1,400 square feet and decorated with donated and refurbished furniture, the wellness

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