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## TAUNTON DAILY GAZETTE

### Taunton Public Schools team up with Manet in health care effort

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TAUNTON --- Students and their families in the Taunton Public School system now have a new resource available to them at the district's Family Welcome Center to help access healthcare-related services.

Superintendent of Schools John Cabral announced last week that the center would now house a certified "Patient Navigator," responsible for directing families in accessing services such as health insurance and primary care.

Cabral said that the ability to add such a resource was made possible through a collaboration between the Welcome Center and Manet Community Health Center.

"I'm very excited about this partnership," Cabral said at last week's school committee meeting.

"One of the components I feel has been missing in the Family Welcome Center is a mental health component, but also the health (aspect) and well-being of our students and parents."

Cabral said that he met earlier in the year with Manet's President and CEO Cynthia Sierra and Taunton's Director of Health and Human Services Anne Bisson to discuss the collaboration.

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