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CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT WATTS WELLNESS CENTER IN DURHAM MONDAY

Reps. David Price (D-N.C., 4th) and Bob Etheridge (D-N.C., 2nd) will visit the George Watts Elementary School Wellness Center in Durham Monday, March 29, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the invitation of officials from Duke University Medical Center and Durham Regional Hospital.

The congressmen and their hosts will be available for video and still photography during the welcome and clinic tour, from 1 to 1:20 p.m. Reporters may attend the roundtable discussion.

“The purpose is to show our congressmen an example of what can be done to improve health care for an underserved population through a unified health system and the creative use of community resources,” said Paul Vick, Duke’s director of government relations.

The Watts school clinic was developed through a broadly based community partnership involving Duke, Durham Regional, the Durham County Health Department, and the public schools, as well as a number of other local organizations. It is one of only two primary care clinics in North Carolina located in an elementary school. School officials have noted a substantial improvement in school attendance since the clinic opened.

Rich Myers, Durham Regional chief executive officer, and Durham Public Schools Superintendent Ann Denlinger will welcome the congressmen. Representatives of the clinic’s sponsoring community partners and local officials are expected to join the congressmen in a roundtable discussion following a tour of the clinic.

The school, located at 700 Watts St., is one of seven schools that are the focus of Duke’s neighborhood partnership outreach initiative in the Durham community.

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