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## AnMed Health and Anderson District Five partner to open health clinic at Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation

(Anderson, S.C. – Nov. 20, 2013) – Anderson School District 5 conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony today for Nevitt Forest Health Connections, a partnership with AnMed Health. This new clinic places a highly qualified nurse practitioner on the school grounds for the students of Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation.

The school will continue to have a regular school nurse and most students will go to her first. The school nurse will refer students, with advance parental consent, to the AnMed Health nurse practitioner under circumstances when the nurse normally would refer students to a physician.

A nurse practitioner is an advanced practice registered nurse who has completed additional education and clinical training, and can treat children's acute illnesses.

"We're excited to partner with AnMed Health on this project," said District Five Superintendent Tom Wilson. "The school nurse is a tried and true program that provides an important service to a school, but an on-site nurse practitioner brings more options for health care, and today when parents and guardians are so busy, it's important to have more options."

Nevitt Forest Health Connections will be staffed by AnMed Health Mondays, 8 a.m. until noon, and Thursdays, noon until 5 p.m.

"This is another way for AnMed Health to reach beyond the brick and mortar of our own buildings," said AnMed Health CEO John Miller. "It makes sense for AnMed Health and Anderson District Five to partner on Nevitt Forest Health Connections. We both have an interest in creating a better future for our community, whether that means making bright kids healthy or making healthy children smart."

Nevitt Forest Health Connections is the first clinic of its kind for either AnMed Health or Anderson School District Five.