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## Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 Hosts 3rd Annual Health and Wellness Fair

#### Who:

The entire Rochester community

### What:

3rd Annual Health and Wellness Fair

# When:

Saturday, July 19, 2025, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### Where:

Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 301 Seneca Avenue Rochester, NY 14621

### **Details:**

Barbara "Punkin" Love, affectionately known as the "mother of School No. 50," was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer in June 2022 and passed away just six weeks later. Her experience, shaped by a lack of access to preventative care, serves as a powerful reminder of why community-centered health education is essential. Her family believes that early screenings could have made a difference.

This annual event was launched in her honor to raise awareness, break down barriers to healthcare, and connect families with resources for preventive care and overall well-being. It reflects Principal Lakisha Taylor's commitment to her students and community, one that began even during her mother's final days.

This year's fair will once again feature a range of community health partners, including the University of Rochester's Wilmot Cancer Center, Fidelis Care, Trillium Health, the Mobile Mammography Center, Eastman Oral Health, and Common Ground Health.