

May 23, 2017

To: Geneseo School Board Members

Re: Annual Nurse's Board Report

From: Debra Rokis, R.N.

Please find attached the 2016-2017 annual nurse's board report. The following report details the activities and programs that the nurses have been involved with over the last school year along with their daily care giving. The day-to-day health office activities have proven once again to be challenging, rewarding and a constant learning experience. The nurses work individually at their own school yet work well as a united team for the district. This year has been the first year in several years that we have had all positions for district nurses filled for the entire year with a permanent nurse. During this year we have established a foundation for a great working relationship among the nurses that will provide a unified health service for our students and their families, staff and the Geneseo community. A huge thank you to our substitute nurses, Julie Zwica, Linda DeSmith, Cricket Elden, Diana Wallace, they are invaluable. We are fortunate to have such qualified substitute nurses to help when needed. Along with helping cover the schools as needed, our substitute nurses are certified in vision and hearing and provide the screenings for ROE Preschool, EXCEL, Ladders Spring Screening and Millikin. Once again we close another chapter in the life of a school nurse. We take with us all that we have learned from our daily experiences and use it as a reference for the chapters ahead. We look forward to our next chapter that will challenge us, humble us, make us laugh and cry, frustrate us and allow us to better ourselves and provide the best care possible for our students, staff and families. As the provider of the district health services the nurses have strived to provide a safe and caring environment, with high expectations for achievement, while responsibly stewarding district finances and effectively communicating.

Please note the following information on the services provided, continuing education of the nurses and goals that we have attained and those that we are striving to meet.

ACTIVE PROGRAMS:

School Registration- Online

Blood Borne Pathogen Training

IEP and 504 Meetings

Head Lice Check (August and periodically)

Gathering forms & State Immunization Report

Vision Screening & IDPH State Report

Hearing Screening & IDPH State Report

Dental Mandate & ISBE IWAS Report

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Girls Puberty Talk

Tobacco Program

Early Kindergarten Registration

Athletic Physicals

V&H for ROE

Pre-K thru 12th Verify Health Information

Employees (New & Refresher)

Pre K- 12

PRE-K -5th Grade

Pre K- 12

Pre-K- 12

Pre-K -12

K, 2nd, 6th

K& 1st time out of state transfers
5th

7th grade

Entering kindergarten students

10th, 11th, 12th

ROE Preschool

V&H for EXCEL Various classroom presentations	EXCEL Students various grade levels (i.e. Handwashing, B/P, dental, water safety, Etc.)
CPR, AED, Blood Borne Pathogens Backpack Blessings CPR	Maintenance/Custodial staff K-8 (assist the social workers) District Coaches
Wellness Committee	2 nurses on Committee
Concussion Oversight Team	1 Nurses on Committee

NURSE'S OFFICE ACTIVITY: Please see attached report

IN-SERVICES:

Periodic in services through the year to cover new and updated information.

- 1 Nurse completed School Nurse Emergency Course
- 1 Nurse completed Vision and Hearing Screening
- 1 Nurse Completed the Asthma Webinar
- 2 Nurses Completed Re Certification of V/H
- 2 Nurses Completed Re Certification for CPR Instructor Status
- 4 Nurses Completed CPR renewal

STATE ISSUES:

Public act passed (SB 565, [Public Act 99-0927](#)) was passed in January 2017 and goes into effect June 1, 2017. This public act requires that a social-emotional screening be completed on the Child Health Exam for school entry. IDPH is to update the school health exam form and set the guidelines for the act. The anticipation date for the revised school physical in the school year 2018-2019.

ON GOING ACTIVITY:

Computer record keeping: We continue to utilize Skyward, the school district's computer program, for data entry and record keeping. As we move forward our goal is to create a digitalized chart for each student in Skyward. We are currently able to attach med forms and physicals to information in Skyward. This will create a digital copy of the physical that students turn in to the school. In looking to the future this will provide a more efficient storing and access of school records that the state requires us to keep for 60 years.

Community Involvement: This year we again worked with the physicians at UnityPoint Family Medicine and the staff at Annawan and Cambridge schools to provide a combined night for free athletic physicals. We provided 160 Athletic physicals for Geneseo students for the 2017-2018 school year.

REVIEW GOALS FOR 2016-2017

Vision and Hearing Certification Goal: to have one more full time nurse become certified in vision and hearing. **Andrea Spindler was certified in vision and Hearing in 2016.**

Dental Goal: Provide access to dental care for those students that are under insured or have lack of funds for dental care.

The Land of Smiles at Southwest school was well received by students, staff and families. Plans will be to expand that service next year.

Nursing Team Goal 2016-2017: To provide the opportunity for each nurse to maintain current knowledge of State mandates and nursing best practices so that we can continue to provide high quality nursing care to our students and staff of Geneseo Dist. #228. To work on a unified health service that establishes the foundation for each nurse to work as a team member yet independently at their own school. **This goal was met in two manners. 1. The nurses attended various in services and conferences to keep up to date of best practices and policies. 2. We have created and implemented the use of standardized individualized health plan templates in Skyward. The IHP templates are used to set the standards of care for the student but can also accommodate the unique needs of the student that may be needed in addition to the standard care. This provides our students with the ability to have accommodations just for them yet still receive the required best practices.**

GOALS FOR 2017-2018

State Mandate Goal: To obtain 100% compliance with the state mandates for physicals and immunizations

Nursing Team Goal 2017-2018: To work together as a unified team while still being able to maintain a student's individual needs. To provide an atmosphere of learning that is safe, caring, compassionate, and professional. To provide the opportunity for each nurse to maintain current knowledge of State mandates and nursing best practices so that we can continue to provide high quality nursing care to our students and staff of Geneseo Dist. #228.

Technology Goal: Beginning the year 2107-2018 the tech goal will be to have the nurses start adding not only medication permission forms but also physical forms.

On behalf of the nursing team I would like to thank the school board, administrators and district staff for the support they give us through out the year. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work in District #228. We look forward to the challenges and learning experiences in the 2017-2018 school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully submitted,
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