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To: Geneseo School Board Members and Administrators

Re: Annual Nurse's Board Report

From: Debra Rokis, R.N.

WE MADE IT. Another very unique but all too familiar year is now in the record books. There are so many things to be excited about as we close another chapter in the history of District 228. I know you are fully aware of what this year has been like on many levels. As this is the last board report I will write, please allow me one more opportunity to highlight the year of our nursing staff. I have been so blessed to have worked in a school district for 30 years and have been touched by the professional nursing staff since day one. The current nurses in the district continue the tradition as they too are professional, compassionate, caring and very knowledgeable. They treat our students, staff and families with respect, compassion and caring attitude in a completely professional manner.

We ended up starting the year with the 2 new nurses. We were lucky to be able to hire Sara Kreps, our new sub from last year for the position at Millikin. Jessica Jansen was hired for the Middle school with the plan for her to take over the head nurse position. Both nurses have been a wonderful addition to our staff and have made the transitions to their new position look smooth and effortless. The entire nursing staff dealt with the return of our normal office activity but faced several months of intense COVID increases. In total the nurses saw over 23,000 students in our offices while contact tracing over 2200 staff and students with COVID related issues. They continued to give exceptional care as they waited for IDPH guidelines to appear or not to appear. Their calm attitude and assessment skills got them through when guidelines weren't available. Our nursing staff is an amazing group of women that complement the already outstanding District 228 admin and staff. As I write this last report, we say good bye to another of our long-time nurses. Helen Johnston has given us 15 years at Northside caring for some of our smallest children. She has been a very important part of the life at Northside for many years and will definitely be missed.

We welcome to our staff next year Erinn Richmond at the high school and Heidi Brumbaugh at Northside. Both nurses are exceptional nurses and individuals and will be great additions to our staff. Jessica Jansen at the middle school will take over as Head Nurse.

In closing I would just like to thank the Geneseo School District Board members, administrators, staff, students and families for 30 years. I have loved being a part of this family. There have been days of frustration, anger, sadness and disappointment but those make the other days of joy, happiness and excitement so sweet and rewarding. I look at it this way. I went to school every day as if entering an amusement park. Each day I would get on a ride. I never knew what ride I was going to be on or how long I'd be on it. It made each day interesting. Thank you for allowing me to get on the ride each day.

Below you will find active programs that the nurses are involved with during the year, along with the information on the services provided, continuing education of the nurses and goals that we have attained and those that we are striving to meet. I have attached a spreadsheet with details of the nurse's office activities. You will notice our numbers of office visits have increased as we were in school full time this year. Those line items in red indicates updated information for this year..

ACTIVE PROGRAMS:

School Registration- Online	Pre-K thru 12 th
Verify receipt and Data entry of documents	
Prepare Annual State Immunization Report	Pre-K- 12
IEP and 504 Meetings	Pre-K- 12
Head Lice Check (periodically)	PRE-K –5 th Grade

Vision Screening & IDPH State Report
Hearing Screening & IDPH State Report
Dental Mandate & ISBE IWAS Report
Vision Mandate & ISBE IWAS Report
Girls Puberty Talk
Tobacco Program
Early Kindergarten Registration
V&H for EXCEL
Various classroom presentations

CPR, AED, Blood Borne Pathogens
Backpack Blessings
COVID Tracking/Quarantine
Concussion Oversight Team

Vaccination Clinic for Staff

COVID rapid Antigen testing

Pop up Testing @ Unit office

Mandated grades and special Ed students only
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K, 2nd, 6th & 9th Grade

K& 1st time out of state students

5th

7th grade

Entering kindergarten students

EXCEL Students

various grade levels **Limited this year**

(i.e., Handwashing, B/P, dental, first aid Etc.)

Maintenance/Custodial staff

K-8 (assist the social worker)

Tracking/quarantine of 2200 staff and students

1 Nurse on Committee

Nurses assisted @ the booster Vaccine clinic

Training for all nurses - testing in the high school and middle school

Sub nurse ran site as needed 2 times a week

NURSE'S OFFICE ACTIVITY: Please see attached report

IN-SERVICES:

Annual Back to school ISBE & IDPH In Service

All nurses completed training for Rapid Antigen Testing

1 Nurse completed CPR Instructor recertification

1 Nurse re - Certified as Vision and Hearing Technicians

1 Nurse completed the IEP Medical Review Course for School Nurses

1 Nurse received her Professional Educators License

All nurses and sub completed training with OEM to have NARCAN in our schools.

Several Zoom meetings regarding COVID

STATE ISSUES:

IDPH, ISBE, ROE, OEM and HCHD continue to update guidelines regarding COVID and the practices that are to be implemented with-in the schools.

NARCAN- the use of Narcan in our schools was promoted with Narcan being made readily available after the nurses had training.

COMMUNITY CO OP: Athletic Physicals.

20-21- It is our goal to once again work with area providers to be able to offer Athletic physicals for our students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade.

21-22 We worked with the Regional Health Partners on a limited basis to provide 146 Athletic physicals in May 2022.

REVIEW of GOALS FOR 2020-2021

The nursing team will continue to work together to provide the opportunity for all students to learn in a safe, caring and professional environment. We will remain flexible, professional, caring and compassionate nurses while providing health services to our students, staff and district families.

Update 21/22: This goal was met this year as we worked together as a team with students, staff and families with the changing guidelines for COVID. The nurses remained courteous, professional and caring while dealing with tough situations during the COVID pandemic.

Technology goal:

We will be adaptable to online registration by being flexible and open minded as how it relates to obtaining health information on our students

Update: State required records are uploaded to Skyward during registration for new students and all grade levels that have medical, dental or visual requirements. Uploading of previous years documents to the cloud and Skyward is still being done until we get caught up. Uploading the documents will provide an easier, less time-consuming task when searching for an Alumni's requested immunization documents.

State Goals: The nursing staff will be knowledgeable and implement as needed state mandates and changes in state guidelines.

Update: We will continue to keep a close eye on COVID and the IDPH guidelines if we enter another outbreak.

Narcan: Training of all nurse to be able to give Narcan in the event of an opiate overdose. Narcan will be made available to all school to have one dose on hand through the OEM.

2021-2022

Nurses Goal:

As the providers of the district health services, the nurse's mission is to strive to provide a safe and caring environment, with high expectations for achievement, while responsibly stewarding district finances and effectively communicating.

"This has been a year that continues to be plagued with the COVID pandemic, yet, we were able to see signs of hope. We had more moments of success, laughter, growth and challenges than we did in the previous year. Our students began the year with signs of extreme need both emotionally and educationally. We are seeing improvement in those areas. There is still much to be done but the hope is there.

As we look forward to the school year 2022-2023 we look into the unknown. The unknown that is filled with positive growth and success waiting to be uncovered. No one can predict what will happen but I can reassure you that the nurses will be there to face the challenges we are given in a professional, caring, and compassionate manner and to provide the needed care for our students."

Blessings to all of you. Much continued success in the education of our children. Please have a safe and relaxing summer as you look forward to the school year 22-23.

Respectfully submitted,
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