

May 28, 2021

To: Geneseo School Board Members and Administrators

Re: Annual Nurse's Board Report

From: Debra Rokis, R.N.

School year 20-21! What can I say? This year has definitely proven to be the most unique school year in my career. It would be selfish of me to detail the impact that COVID has had on the nurses when it had such a huge impact on everyone in our district from the students, families, board members, administrators, teachers, ESP staff and to our community members. What I can say is that through the teamwork of all of those mentioned we were able to, even though there were some rough times, maintain a safe environment for our students and staff and keep our transmission rate within our classrooms to zero. On behalf of the nurses, I would like to thank the board of education, the administrators and the staff for your support though out the year.

We were fortunate that during this unique year the nursing staff was solid and did not encounter any staff changes. Unfortunately, life changes occur and at the end of this school year we will be saying good bye to Brittany Cuyppers at Millikin who will be transferring back to her hometown in North Dakota, our long-time sub, Cricket Elden who will be moving to Alabama and Linda DeSmith who will be retiring for the final time. We thank Brittany, Cricket and Linda for their dedication to our staff, students and families and wish them well in their new journeys. We recently have added a new sub to the district nursing staff, Sara Kreps. Sara has school nurse experience and has transferred with her family from Iowa to Geneseo. We look forward to working with Sara. Finally, I would like to thank the nurses previously mentioned along with Andrea Spindler, Helen Johnston, Joyce Dietrich, Diana Wallace and Heidi Brumbaugh for all the support, compassion, and professionalism they bring to our nursing team.

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 are down and rightly so due to the changes required in the method of learning as it related to the COVID metrics. Much of our time was utilized in the tracking of over 2000+ staff and students for COVID symptoms, close contacts and quarantine possibilities. Those line items in red have been altered because of the COVID pandemic.

**ACTIVE PROGRAMS:**

School Registration- Online	Pre-K thru 12 <sup>th</sup>
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 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Vision Screening & IDPH State Report	Mandated grades and special Ed students only
Hearing Screening & IDPH State Report	Mandated grades and special Ed students only
Dental Mandate & ISBE IWAS Report	K, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Vision Mandate & ISBE IWAS Report	K& 1 <sup>st</sup> time out of state students
Girls Puberty Talk	5 <sup>th</sup>
Tobacco Program	7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Early Kindergarten Registration	Entering kindergarten students
V&H for EXCEL	EXCEL Students
Various classroom presentations	various grade levels Limited this year (i.e., Handwashing, B/P, dental, first aid Etc.)
CPR, AED, Blood Borne Pathogens	Maintenance/Custodial staff

Backpack Blessings  
COVID Tracking/Quarantine  
Concussion Oversight Team

K-8 (assist the social worker)  
Tracking/quarantine of 2280 staff and students  
1 Nurse on Committee

Vaccination Clinic for Staff

Nurses assisted @ the first Vaccine clinic

All nurses including subs ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine clinic

COVID rapid Antigen testing

Training for all nurses - testing in the high school

**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

Attended several zoom meetings with OEM and ROE for COVID related information

### **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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **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 20/21: This goal was met this year as we worked together as a team with families of student's required to quarantine either because of close contact, symptomatic or ill family member. The nurses remained courteous, professional and caring while dealing with tough situations during the COVID pandemic. All nurses were trained on rapid antigen testing to be completed in the schools if necessary.**

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: We continue to move forward in our goal of digitalizing health records. Each year more records are archived and new records are uploaded with the intention to easily place them in archive at the appropriate time.**

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

**Update: The IDPH decision tree guidelines and FAQ's are ever changing documents that we utilize to keep our nursing standards updated as they relate to COVID practices.**

**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 of unusual circumstances, but also one of much success, laughter, growth and challenges. Our students need us now more than ever. We will be there for our students, staff and families to help them get through these unprecedented times.*

*As we look forward to the school year 2020-2021 with the current COVID Pandemic we are looking into the unknown, yet, we look for the positive growth and success of a new year. 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.”*

The above statement I made last year and as I re read it, it seems very fitting for the upcoming 21-22 school year also.

Blessings to all of you. Please have a safe and relaxing summer as we look forward to the school year 21-22.

Respectfully submitted,  
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