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North Dakota Department of Health Recognizes National School Nurse Day

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is recognizing the important role that school nurses play in children’s lives during National School Nurse Day on Wednesday, May 11.

The theme this year, *School Nurses: Better Health. Better Learning*™, is reflective of the important health care role that school nurses provide. Because healthy students learn better, school nurses work to remove barriers to learning; particularly those associated with chronic disease, mental health disorders, obesity and poor nutrition.

“School nurses collaborate with students, the school community, families, the health care community, the community at large, and government agencies so that children are in school, healthy, safe, and ready to learn,” said National Association of School Nurses (NASN) President Beth Matthey. State School Nurse Consultant, Renaë Sisk, echoes that message stating, “The school nurses across the state have an important and rewarding job keeping the students of North Dakota in the best possible position to learn.”

All teachers, school staff and parents deserve to feel secure that students are safe at school, and their health needs are met every day. School nurses have the special skills needed to plan and implement care for those students with chronically and medically complex conditions. They prepare school staff to recognize and respond appropriately to potential emergencies. By having a school nurse involved, teachers are better able to focus on instruction and students’ individual educational needs.

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