

# We have great news for NH School Nurses!

To: All School Nurses

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HB 719, the proposed bill to place a permanent position of School Nurse Coordinator in the Department of Education became part of the state budget that passed and was signed by Governor Sununu a couple of weeks ago! The Department of Education, division of Learner Support, is currently working to get the position posted. We hope to see this valuable resource for NH school nurses in place by spring.

NHSNA is working hard to provide continuing education programs to support you in your important role at school. On November 8 and 9, we will host our **School Nurse Essentials** program, at the Audubon Society in Concord. We have some excellent presentations on a variety of school health topics, including delegation, hearing and vision screening, immunizations, health plans for students with allergies, school nurse Scopes and Standards, pharmacology for mental health, DCYF, Special Education overview, and McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Our Fall presentation/meeting is tied to Essentials this year, to enable you to join us for both events on the same day. We have an excellent speaker from NASN on “**Breaking the Glass Cage: The Power of Data and Voice**”. Dr. Erin Maughan is the Director of Research for NASN, where she co-leads the development of school nurse outcome indicators and uniform data points. Erin co-lead the creation of NASN’s Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing Practice. She also teaches public health nursing as an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University.

We will also present our **Barbara C French Award** at our fall meeting to two well deserving recipients. Barbara was a former school nurse who served time in the NH Legislature. We’ve chosen two special ladies this year who advocated tirelessly for the School Nurse Coordinator Position. We hope you can join us in celebrating the legislative victory of HB 719.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I would like to thank all school nurses in New Hampshire for the dedication and care you provide to your students throughout the school year. You support the health and safety of your students so they can attend school every day.

Sincerely,  
*Kathy*