

Investing in School Nurses Saves Resources

School nurses provide quality care to students.

School nurses save principals, school staff, and parents time.

School nurses, through prevention and treatment of health and behavioral issues, save schools money by improving student attendance and on-time grade progression. A school nurse in the building saves principals, teachers, and clerical staff a considerable amount of time that they would have spent addressing health concerns of students.



School nurses save parents and communities money.

School nurses can help prevent costly emergency room visits and parents missing time at work to care for sick children.

Full-time school nurses can significantly reduce systemwide healthcare spending while improving access to care for children.*

Smart Savings

Research shows that for every dollar spent on school nursing, society saves \$2.20.

While many school districts have cut the hours of nurses to save money, districts with on-site school nurses saved an estimated \$129.1 million in productivity losses for teachers, \$28.1 million in prevented work losses for parents, and \$20 million in medical care costs.

\$1 = \$2.20

*Findings published in a JAMA Pediatrics study of a Massachusetts program that added registered nurses to public schools in the state.

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