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September X, 2024

Ayanna Bennett, MD, MSPH, FAAP
Director
D.C. Department of Health
2201 Shannon Place SE
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Dr. Bennett:

The DC State Board of Education recently approved a resolution calling for a full-time 40-hour-per-week Registered Nurse at every DCPS and public charter school by August 1, 2028.

The State Board respectfully requests that DC Health provide the following information to the DC State Board of Education by October 15, 2024:

1. A year-by-year, phased-in plan to ensure every DC Public School and every public charter school has a full-time, 40-hour-per-week registered nurse by August 1, 2028, which includes:
 - (A) The number of school nurses that would need to be added each of the next four fiscal years from Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2029;
 - (B) The estimated funds that would need to be added each fiscal year to the DC Health School Health Services Program grant with Children’s National Medical Center to offer salaries and benefits for DC school nurses that are at a level sufficient to attract and retain the required number of qualified school nurses and to support the increased number of nurses funded through CSS.
2. Estimated utilization of the proposed School Nurse Recruitment and Retention Loan Repayment Program and the proposed cost, for Fiscal Year 2026 to 2029, if the District provided the maximum \$10,000 per year benefit.
3. The current scope of practice that Children’s utilizes for its school health grant for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and health technicians.
4. Recommendations for any changes to the current scope of practice for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and/or health technicians under the DC Health Children’s School Services Program grant.





334 5. Any additional limitations that are imposed through the school nurse contract, which
335 preclude any of these three professionals from providing services that would ordinarily be
336 within their scope of practice.
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338 If you or your staff have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact me at (202) 741-
339 0888 or bernice.butler@dc.gov.

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341 Sincerely,

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343 **Insert Signature**

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345 Bernice D. Butler
346 Executive Director

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