
NASN Legislative Priorities for 2019

- ❖ **NASN supports the Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (Nurse) Act, which is a demonstration grant program to fund School Nurses based on Title I designation** (free and reduced lunch and breakfast). Poverty is frequently an indicator of health needs. All students should be able to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting. The current reality is that students today have greater healthcare needs than in past generations. Children cannot meet their full potential with unmet health needs. **Members of Congress are urged to ensure that all children have access to a School Nurse.**
- ❖ **NASN urges Congress to pass the Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR).** Congress failed to reauthorize this important nutritional program in the last Congress that ensures children have access to breakfast and lunch. Every day, 32 million children receive school lunches and 12 million receive school breakfasts through the US Department of Agriculture's School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. Schools meals often provide half of a student's daily caloric intake. For a child that experiences food insecurity, school meals are a lifeline. **NASN urges Congress not to weaken the current Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) that has helped ensure millions of children have access to regular meals.**