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NASN Legislative Priorities for 2020

- ❖ **NASN supports the Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (Nurse) Act**, which would recognize the critical role of school nurses in providing students access to quality health care so that they are safe, healthy, and ready to learn. The NURSE Act, S 1362, was introduced by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) in the Senate and Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) introduced the companion bill in the House of Representatives, HR 2606. **Members of Congress are urged to ensure that all children have access to a School Nurse.**

- ❖ **NASN urges Congress to pass the Reversing Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act** of 2019, HR 2339, that would protect children and teens from a surge of tobacco use and tobacco-related health issues. This legislation calls on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address the leading drivers of youth tobacco use. Congress can reverse the youth e-cigarette epidemic and continue to reduce youth tobacco use by passing this important legislation. HR 2339 was introduced by Representatives Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Representative Donna Shalala (D-FL).

- ❖ **NASN urges Congress to pass the Anti-Lunch Shaming Act of 2019**, S. 1119, that would require schools to stop singling out children who either do not have money in their school lunch account or the ability to pay for their meal on the spot. This will end the practice of “lunch shaming” that embarrasses children who cannot pay for their meals. This legislation was introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM).