

TALKING POINTS

- As a constituent and a school nurse, I know how important it is that children have their health needs met at school.
- 80 percent of adults think it is “absolutely essential” or “very important” for schools to have professional registered nurses on campus, and a majority believe nurses are instrumental to student wellbeing at school (79% absolutely critical + very important).
- Support for putting a professional registered nurse in every school across the country is nearly universal (90%) and support is high for increasing the funding needed to provide more nurses to schools that do not have one (85%). Support for these policies persists across political ideology.
- **Regional Data (if you have it).**
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 40% of school-aged children and adolescents have at least one chronic health condition – which requires the knowledge, assessment skills, and judgment of a school nurse to provide management of these lifelong conditions.
- In 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau reported 5.6 percent of children under 19 (4.3 million) were uninsured. For many of our nation’s children, the school nurse is the sole provider of access to health care.
- There is broad support in the U.S. for providing school nurse to every school in the country and in increasing the funding to do so.
- Please support school nurse funding.