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Commissioner Betty A. Rosa  
New York State Education Department  
New York State Education Building  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234

Dear Commissioner Rosa,

On behalf of the Connetquot Central School District, we are writing to you in advocacy for our school nurses.

It has recently been brought to our attention that school nurses in New York State are only provided with an extremely narrow scope of first aid and other health intervention services that they are authorized to provide to our students. Essentially, in absence of a physician's note, they are limited to cleaning cuts with soap and water and providing ice for bumps and bruises.

Considering how school nurses are required to hold a New York State nursing license (LPN), they should be provided with a much broader latitude to administer basic health intervention services. This authorization should include, but not be limited to, the ability to apply over the counter topical solutions and ointments such as petrolatum (i.e. Vaseline), bacitracin (i.e. Neosporin) and calamine (i.e. Caladryl), as well as utilize materials such as sanitary wipes and alcohol swabs.

We are respectfully requesting that the New York State Education Department Guidelines for Medication Management in Schools be revised, particularly the sections that relate to stock and nonprescription medications, to address these areas.

We thank you for your time and consideration and strongly believe that these recommended modifications to the guidelines would benefit all of the school-aged children in New York State.

Sincerely,



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