



# New York State Association of School Nurses

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Dear Members and Colleagues:

January is often a time for changing old habits, cleaning out clutter and planning ahead towards change. With the 2011-12 school year now in full swing and the holiday season behind us, the birth of a new year is often the catalyst to action.

Our association is also excited about the new year ahead. We are always working to offer more for our members, provide exciting and informative educational opportunities for school nurses, and we will continue to be your voice about your needs as registered professional nurses.

We all know that 2012 is going to be another difficult year financially for our State. The population of medically fragile students in schools continues to rise and the need for daily medical care is necessary. Thus, having a school nurse on campus is becoming imperative. Currently, there is additional new legislation pending in support of our profession and I am, once again, hopeful. Unfortunately, change can be a slow process. It is also one that requires dedication and commitment. We already know how dedicated and committed school nurses are to their profession!

So as you are firming up those resolutions and planning for 2012, my request to you, for this New Year, is to reach out and help NYSASN. If every school nurse finds just one member to join our association, we will double in numbers in no time! Power in numbers is more important now than ever. We need you and New York needs us!

I wish all of you a happy and healthy start to the year!

Respectfully yours,

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