

Dear School Nursing Colleagues,

Labor Day is behind us, yet our labors have just begun. New students, new health concerns. IHP's to write, medication orders to clarify, immunizations to verify! Our offices are buzzing with activity. Computers and phones are humming and ringing. A new school year begins!

Along with the new school year is a new venture for NYSASN. In May of this year, the membership voted overwhelmingly to unify our membership with that of NASN. We remain two separate and distinct organizations, yet united in our membership. Now with one membership payment, members will enjoy the benefits of membership from both organizations. Your membership supports both organizations as they work for and with school nurses and school children at the state and federal levels.

Membership in your professional organization is an outward sign of your dedication and professionalism. Our strength is in numbers. We need every school nurse in New York State in our membership. Many voices united into one will be heard. NYSASN is the professional voice of school nurses in New York State and is a resource sought by many. Together we are a force and together our messages will be heard.

Our mission is "to advance the practice of school nursing and to enhance the educational success of students by promoting quality health services." To that end, NYSASN provides educational offerings for school nurses at various times and locations throughout the state. Keep this website (www.nysasn.org) on your "Favorites" list and visit it often for the most up-to-date information regarding these opportunities.

Each September provides us opportunity for a new beginning, a fresh start, another chance to make a difference. To our current members, thank you for choosing to be a part of this vital and growing organization. To our prospective members, I urge you to consider joining today!

Best wishes to you all for a successful school year.



Joanne Reynolds RN
NYSASN President