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Dear School Nurse Colleagues,

It has been an honor to serve the membership of NYSASN over the past year. I have encountered many challenges as president and have witnessed definite growth in our organization as well. Many challenges remain ahead however. As we transition in leadership, I am confident that those challenges will be met with the strength and conviction necessary to move NYSASN forward into the future.

I believe that NYSASN is becoming increasingly recognized as a valuable resource by other stakeholders in children's health and welfare. Law makers are listening to our on-going quest for a school nurse mandate. We will continue to work diligently to make that happen and we are grateful to organizations that support us in that endeavor.

As I have said before, NYSASN is you – the membership. I urge each of you to think about stepping up in some capacity to keep this organization thriving and vital. Perhaps it is in outreach to prospective members, perhaps it is in conference planning, perhaps it is in a position on the Board of Directors. In some capacity, each member has something to offer. NYSASN needs you!

It is an understatement to say that the challenge of juggling a full-time professional career, a busy family life and active participation in such a dynamic volunteer organization as NYSASN - and doing well by all of them - is a daunting task. Yet, as I move into the next phase of leadership, I am grateful for the opportunity to try and do my best by all three. I am grateful for the encouragement to go "one step further" or to work "just a little harder"! And I am extremely grateful for the support of you, my colleagues. This experience has made me a better school nurse and I hope I have contributed in some small way to the betterment of school nurses, in general, across New York State.

Respectfully yours,

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