



New York State Association of School Nurses

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NYSASN Fall Conference 2007 Presidential Welcome Message

Welcome to the NYSASN Fall 2007 Annual Fall Conference! The surroundings at the Sagamore are beautiful, our conference offerings are enriching, and our gathering together like the swirling leaves in the wind is invigorating. The opportunities for expanding our minds and our spirits abound!

NYSASN has been unified with NASN since May 2006 by a vote of our general membership. Subsequent membership issues have been many. NYSASN no longer processes membership since it became unified with NASN. We have been looking toward the stated improvements that will be realized by the change in the membership database that NASN has selected to use. We remain hopeful that we will see an end to these glitches soon. NYSASN hears your concerns about the changes, and remains responsive and receptive to your needs and thoughts. We are attempting to work out identified issues with NASN, and urge you to stay connected with us as we continue this transition. Please continue to dialogue with the NYSASN BOD members about any ideas or observations that you might have. We value your input, and seek to represent you, our valued members.

Many of you may have been following some legislative issues that have surfaced in California. School nurses were given a directive to train voluntary unlicensed assistive personnel to give insulin to diabetic students in the absence of a true emergency. A lawsuit has been filed by the ANA against the California Department of Education to stop this directive that is in violation of their Nurse Practice Act. We will continue to monitor the outcome of this situation, and we are mindful that we need to remain vigilant about monitoring potential directives that will impact our practices in NYS. We are actively educating legislators, educators and school nurses alike about the climate of change that is afoot in NYS as well. We need to have our voices heard to promote a safe and healthy environment in which our students can learn and reach their optimal potentials. We are an essential service and we need a mandate. Until that happens, we need to show a united stance, and take individual and collective responsibility to effect change. Please monitor our website for legislative information, and write to your local representatives. They will listen to their constituents. NYSASN will continue to support initiatives that best serve our students. We need your strength and support to get the job done.

Please join us in our efforts. Together we can make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,
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