



## Proclamation *National School Nurse Day* May 8, 2024

*Whereas*, students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

*Whereas*, families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

*Whereas*, all students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

*Whereas*, students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

*Whereas*, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 120 years; and

*Whereas*, school nurses address the home and community factors (e.g. social determinants) that impact students' health; and

*Whereas*, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and

*Whereas*, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

*Whereas*, school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

*Whereas*, school nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g. school health services, 504/IEP, disaster/emergency planning) providing care coordination to address the school population; and

*Whereas*, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the **Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District** celebrates and acknowledges the accomplishments of school nurses and school health staff and their efforts to meet the needs of today's students by providing and advocating for quality student-centered care and offers gratitude for the district's school nurses, and the much valued health assistants that support them, who contribute to our local communities by supporting students to stay healthy, in school, safe, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on this **National School Nurse Day**, but in every opportunity throughout the year.

Now, *THEREFORE*, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District does hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as "School Nurses Day" which includes our school health assistants.

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