

## Concerned About the Suspension of the School Health Grant Funding?

**Important message: The school health services funding has been suspended; however, the children are still there.**

You can contact the governor's office and it would be good to carbon the information to your local senator and representative. It would be good for your local senator and representative to hear from you directly and discuss your concerns and ask them how this could happen.

MASN suggests including the following information in your communication:

### **(Non- School Health Services Grant Nurses)**

If you are NOT a grant funded nurse but are concerned about the impact that this funding cut will have:

- The district in which you work as a school nurse.
- Provide your personal stories and how health services impacts the children in your school district.
- Include the student health concern statistics for your district (# of students with diabetes, asthma, seizures, special health care procedures, # of medication doses administered, etc)

### **(Current school health grant funding nurses)**

If you are a school nurse currently working in a school district that receives school health grant funding include the following information:

- Include the fact your district received school health grant funding.
- What services were in your district prior to school health grant funding?
- Review your district's end of year grant report statistics and include pertinent statistics.

We also encourage school health grant nurses to have school health advisory members, local board of education members; school administrators, and parents also contact the governor's office about their concerns regarding this suspension of funding.

Examples to include in your personal stories (you would need to personalize):

There are currently eight insulin dependent diabetics attending school in my district. Three of those diabetics need daily insulin administered and two need daily assistance with glucose monitoring and carbohydrate counting to determine the number of units of insulin bolus from their insulin pump. I am concerned who will care for these children.

There are fourteen students in my district with severe food allergies and require a food allergy action plan as mandated by the new Missouri law. Who will be responsible for implementing the plan and overseeing the procedures and emergency care?

There are 300 students with the diagnosis of asthma, 112 of them carry an inhaler at school and often need assessment of their breathing to determine if they can remain at school or need to seek medical care immediately for their asthma.

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## Contact Information

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