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2017 Fall School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Registration at 7:30 a.m.)
Radisson Hotel, Cromwell
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

This year, school nurse supervisors will join with other nursing specialties at the Connecticut Nurses' Association 111th Annual Convention. The Keynote is Debbie Hatmaker, RN, PhD, FAAN, Executive Director of American Nurses' Association, and her keynote, *Health Care at a Turning Point: Seizing the Opportunity*, will be followed by a Panel of Connecticut nurses from specialty organizations. The afternoon includes multiple breakout sessions including: Legislative Boot Camp, Patient Centered Advocacy – It's about them, not you; Palliative Care across settings, and the first meeting of NexGenRN, young nurse professional group.

Special breakout sessions have been designed especially for school nurses that will provide information on multiple state initiatives and trends in the state. School nurses will:

- become familiar with new legislation, initiatives and trends in the state;
- review student absenteeism guidelines; and
- network with other school nurses and school nurse supervisors.

PRESENTED BY: Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant, CSDE

AUDIENCE: School Nurses, School Nurse Supervisors, Directors of Special Education/Pupil Services, School Medical Advisors, and Other School Staff

COST: \$125.00 per person (includes breakfast & lunch)

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2017 New School Nurse Workshop

Save the Date: November 6 and 7, 2017...Registration information is forthcoming!

School Wellness Policies

This message serves to remind Local Education Agencies (LEAs) of their responsibilities with respect to Local School Wellness Policies (LSWPs).

The wellness policy requirements were strengthened by the [Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 \(HHFKA\)](#). All LSWPs should have addressed the additional requirements by June 30, 2017. Refer to the fact sheet: [Local School Wellness Policy Implementation Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010: Summary of the Final Rule](#), to see if your LSWP is in compliance with the required elements and steps.

There are new LSWP resources that may be of interest to your district wellness teams. The Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity has organized a new listserv devoted to LSWPs. This listserv serves as an announcement service for wellness policy research, policy, best practices, resources and more! Subscribe by contacting Margaret Read at margaret.read@uconn.edu.

Another resource is the [Local School Wellness Policy Outreach Toolkit](#). Save time by using the ready-to-go communication tools in the Outreach Toolkit. It is important to remember that there are required steps associated with LSWPs. These steps address implementation, transparency, availability and public input. The Outreach Tool is a great resource for addressing the required steps.

For more information about LSWPs, go to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) [School Wellness Policy webpage](#) or contact Donna Heins, Education Consultant, at donna.heins@ct.gov.

CT Tools for Schools Program

This memo is to encourage school districts to re-start or revitalize their Tools for Schools (TfS) program or to begin steps to implement the program. TfS is:

- recognized as the key program for schools to comply with Connecticut law requiring all schools to have an indoor air program;
- an effective program in addressing asthma triggers in schools, thereby reducing absenteeism and improving academic performance; and
- an effective strategy to educate and work with staff to utilize **no or low-cost** solutions to in-door air quality problems.

How to Keep TfS Going:

- **Re-convene** your TfS building teams by organizing a district-wide “kick-off” meeting sometime soon – if you have not done so already. This could be a breakfast meeting of the team members from all the schools, along with the facilities director to review procedures, compare notes, find out what improvements were made over the summer, and to move forward with last year’s prioritized recommendations. **Here is a link to a [TfS Best Practices Guide](#) to assist your district.**
- **Schedule a Refresher Course: we strongly suggest that school district building teams have refresher training every 3 – 5 years.**
We offer “refresher” workshops:
 - a 2 hour session for districts needing a “tune-up;” or
 - a 3 hour session for long dormant programs.Many new materials (including the newest TfS CD) are provided at the workshops. **Please contact us to schedule a refresher workshop soon!**

If you have questions or comments, please contact Kenny Foscue, Connecticut Department of Public Health, at Kenny.foscue@ct.gov 860-509-7753.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

**MALLOY ADMINISTRATION ISSUES GUIDANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS REGARDING
ENROLLMENT OF DISPLACED CHILDREN FROM PUERTO RICO**

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Daniel P. Malloy and State Department of Education Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell today announced that they are sending guidance to every school superintendent in the state outlining suggested protocols to ensure that any student arriving from Puerto Rico, or any affected storm area, has immediate access to school and expedited connections to the services they may need. In the days since Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria brought devastation to the island, the administration has received a number of inquiries from superintendents and other school officials requesting information on how to supervise this potential situation.

"When tragedy strikes, it is often our children who are most at risk," Governor Malloy said. "We anticipate many families affected by the disaster in Puerto Rico may seek refuge in our state. As required by federal law, it is imperative that young children who have been displaced are enrolled in schools immediately and are provided with health and other services necessary to ensure their academic success."

"The emotional pain and trauma that these storms have exposed countless young people to is truly heartbreaking," Commissioner Wentzell said. "As educators, it is our duty to ensure that all children of school age are given access to the safety, support, and stability that our school environments provide."

Some of the guidance includes:

- District personnel should be counseled to enroll these displaced students immediately, as required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- These students will also automatically qualify to receive free school meals and must also be provided with health and other related services necessary to ensure their academic success.
- Per established procedures, all students experiencing homelessness must be accurately reported in the statewide public school information system (PSIS).

**Download: [Memo to superintendents regarding enrollment of displaced children \(English version\)](#)

**Download: [Memo to superintendents regarding enrollment of displaced children \(Spanish version\)](#)

**Download: [Information packet on the educational rights of children and youth displaced by disasters](#)

**Download: [Information packet on meeting the needs of students displaced by disasters](#)

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