



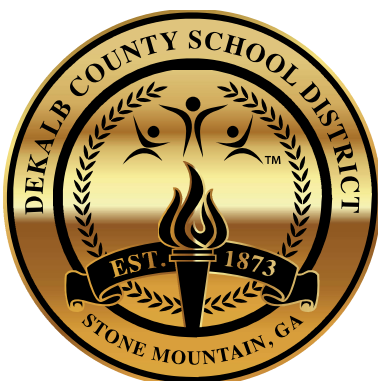
PROCLAMATION

— National School Nurse Day 2023 —

- WHEREAS: National School Nurse Day was established in 1972, to recognize the role of school nurses in the educational setting; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and advancing the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students. School nurses improve attendance through health promotion, disease prevention and disease management. Improved attendance means healthy students are in the classroom and ready to learn; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses act as a liaison to the school community, parents, and health care providers by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes. School nurses bridge health and education to improve each child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. School nurses champion the whole student every day of the year; and
- WHEREAS: On National School Nurse Day, we take special time to celebrate and recognize the contributions that school nurses are making to the health and learning of our district's 94,000 children. School nurses lead school health, use critical thinking, and focus on the school community while practicing ethically; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses serve as a critical health hub for students, ensuring that students are ready for learning by managing complex chronic conditions; identifying and addressing mental health issues; leveling the field on health disparities and promoting healthy behaviors; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses rise to the daily challenge of juggling a complex array of medical and social issues. School nurses are healers, comforters, educators, mentors, role models and critically needed members of our school community.

THEREFORE, the DeKalb County School District is pleased to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of school nurses who improve the overall well-being of our children and understand the link between health and learning.

Be it further resolved that we, the DeKalb County School Board and Interim Superintendent, proclaim May 10th, 2023, as National School Nurse Day in the DeKalb County School District



Mr. Dijon DaCosta Sr., Board Chair

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice Chair

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent