

## Talking Points on Nursing Services

- The cost for nursing services for nonpublic school students is limited by statute.
- Many small schools do not have a full-time nurse (use figures from your own constituency).
- During the enactment of the nursing services legislation during the 1991-1992 school year, the per-pupil amount was \$60.00 per pupil. That amount has risen by only \$37.00 in the intervening years to a figure of \$97.00 during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Our goal would be to raise the per-pupil amount to \$125.00 in order to cover the increased costs in the salaries of nurses, the cost of requirements imposed by the Legislature, and the need to have a full time nurse in every school.
- Nurses are first responders in cases of emergencies of all kinds. The Legislature has created many more duties for nurses with the advent of requirements for medical conditions involving asthma and the need for Narcan, epinephrine, and various other medications which require appropriate authorization to be dispensed. These requirements all need the presence of a nurse.