
[princi_elem] Nursing Shortages

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Happy Tuesday everyone - you know with a subject line that says shortages that this is not great news, but we seem to have an issue this year with hiring a nurse and losing them pretty much the next week and it has happened yet again. Between illness, Covid, taking leaves and not being able to get anyone to apply, we are really struggling to help buildings cover nursing services.

Please know Joy is working as hard as she can to move people around and get the coverage we need, but it is turning out to be difficult at best. Diabetic care is one of our top priorities and we need all buildings to work hard to find people (including yourself if need be) to be delegated to help our diabetics - at least to be able to deal with high/lows. Keeping kids home when we are short staffed is not something we want to do, and with the amount of absences we are having, we would be keeping kids home daily and that is not acceptable. Please work with your nurse and Joy to find time to delegate people to help us cover for the last few weeks of school. I can't promise we will find people for next year either, but Joy and I are working on a plan if we can't get fully staffed - more to come.

Thank you for your help and patience. We are here to help kids be safe, so please make this a priority to deal with this week so we have a plan moving forward. We may or may not need the plan, but always best to have a plan when it comes to medical needs of students or staff. I know you all have a lot on your plate, so thank you in advance for your help. If you are unsure if you need more people to be delegated etc, please work with your nurse and Joy to find out.

Let me know if you have any questions. Appreciate you all!

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