



School Nurse Appreciation Day

A Proclamation

Whereas, students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

Whereas, families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

Whereas, all students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

Whereas, students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

Whereas, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years; and

Whereas, school nurses address the home and community factors (e.g. social determinants) which impact students' health; and

Whereas, school nurses are professional nurses who advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and

Whereas, school nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g. school health services, 504/IEP, disaster/emergency planning) to address the school population; and

Whereas, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day, therefore be it

Resolved, that Thomasville City Schools celebrates and acknowledges the accomplishments of school nurses district-wide and their efforts to meet the needs of our students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools and offers gratitude for our school nurses, who contribute to our local communities by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on National School Nurse Day, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

Now, **THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Cate Gentry, Superintendent of Thomasville City Schools, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8th as "School Nurse Day" throughout the school district.

Proclaimed this 7th day of May, 2019 that May 8, 2019 be recognized as

"School Nurse Appreciation Day".

Cate Gentry, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. James Carmichael
School Board Chairperson
