

**MEMORANDUM**

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Cathy Danyluk, Director of Student Services and State Attendance Officer

Date: January 11, 2019

Re: School Health Services in Indiana Data Report

The Indiana Department of Education collects school health data from schools through a variety of reports. For the first time ever, Indiana has compiled the data into one comprehensive document for use by schools, parents, legislators, organizations and community stakeholders.

Key data points include:

- 31% of students were estimated to have at least one chronic health condition listed in the survey
- The health conditions seen as most significant by the school nurse respondents were: asthma, food allergies, injuries, impact of poverty, mental health issues, migraines, autism, environmental allergies, neglect/abuse, and type 1 diabetes
- Over 93% of schools reported having at least one student taking long-term medication
- 911 was called by schools 1,290 times
- 86% of nurses indicated that they had performed at least one healthcare procedure including nebulizer treatments, insulin administration, tube feedings, catheterizations, colostomy care, Diastat administration, tracheostomy care, oxygen administration, shunt care, glucagon administration, central venous line care, and CPR/AED administration

This report can be used in a variety of ways:

- To compare a school data point with a state data point
- To increase knowledge regarding student health needs and/or the role of the school nurse
- To understand gaps that need to be addressed at the local or state level
- To advocate for health policies
- To understand the types of training needed for school staff in order to provide healthcare services to students
- To apply for grant funding

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