

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, URGING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BROWARD COUNTY TO MANDATE THAT A FULL-TIME NURSE BE ASSIGNED TO ALL BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BROWARD COUNTY, AND THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the National Association of School Nursing (NASN) approved a definition of school nursing as a specialized practice of public health nursing that protects and promotes student health, facilitates normal development, and advances academic success; and

WHEREAS, school nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders that bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potential; and

WHEREAS, according to Broward Schools Coordinated Student Health Services, the role of the on-site school nurse includes, but is not limited to, assessing health needs of students through health screenings; conducting nursing assessments; reviewing and monitoring health records and medications; planning and implementing school health management protocols for the child with special health needs, including the administration of medicine; consulting on meeting emergency health needs in the school; developing, implementing, and updating, as necessary, individualized health care plans for selected students; during incidents of communicable disease exposure at a school, provide information and guidance to assist school staff with appropriate

intervention and act as a liaison between school personnel and health department communicable disease personnel; assuring students receive appropriate health care and that students' dignity and confidentiality are protected and maintained; and assisting with health education in accordance with the school district's curricula; and

WHEREAS, Section 381.0056(4)(A), "School health services program," Florida Statutes, provides that each County Health Department shall develop, jointly with the district school board and the local school health advisory committee, a school health services plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.0056(4)(A), Florida Statutes, the school health services plan must include, at a minimum, provision for all the following:

1. Health appraisal;
2. Records review;
3. Nurse assessment;
4. Nutrition assessment;
5. A preventative dental program;
6. Vision screening;
7. Hearing screening;
8. Scoliosis screening;
9. Growth and development screening;
10. Health counseling;
11. Referral and follow up of suspected or confirmed health problems by the local County Health Department;
12. Meeting emergency health needs in each school;
13. County Health Department personnel to assist school personnel in health education curriculum development;
14. Referral of students to appropriate health treatment, in cooperation with the private health community, whenever possible;
15. Consultation with a student's parent or guardian regarding the need for health attention by the family physician, dentist, or other specialist when definitive diagnosis or treatment is indicated;

16. Maintenance of records on incidents of health problems, corrective measures taken, and such other information as may be needed to plan and evaluate health programs; except, however, that provisions in the plan for maintenance of health records of individual students must be in accordance with Section 1002.22, Florida Statutes;
17. Health information which will be provided by the school health nurse(s), when necessary, regarding the placement of students in exceptional student programs and the re-evaluation at periodic intervals of students placed in such programs;
18. Notification to the local nonpublic schools of the school health services program and the opportunity for representatives of the local nonpublic schools to participate in the development of the cooperative health services plan;
19. Immediate notification to a student's parent, guardian, or caregiver if the student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity and taken to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination pursuant to Section 394.463, Florida Statutes, including the requirements established under Section 1002.20(3) and 1002.33(9), Florida Statutes, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.0056(6), Florida Statutes, the district school board shall, among other things: (a) include health services and health education as part of the comprehensive plan for the school district; (b) provide in service health training for school personnel; (c) make available adequate physical facilities for health services; and (d) at the beginning of each school year, provide parents and guardians with information concerning ways that they can help their children to be physically active and to eat healthy foods; and

WHEREAS, there are a myriad of reasons for having a full-time nurse dedicated and assigned to each public school, including having someone available to address a vast array of unanticipated emergencies as well as any number of ordinary, day-to-day first aid situations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes it to be in the best interest of the health, safety, welfare and educational needs of students attending Coconut Creek public schools, as well as all Broward County public schools, to have an on-site nurse available during school hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby urges the Florida Legislature to provide funding for a full-time nurse at every Broward County public school.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Board Members and Superintendent of the School Board of Broward County, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, and the Broward League of Cities.

Section 4: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this Resolution.

Section 6: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Mikkie Belvedere, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

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