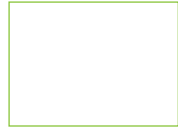


We have one nurse covering three different schools; she is only at our school once a week. I feel that is not enough, since I have a child with asthma.

- Wisconsin Parent



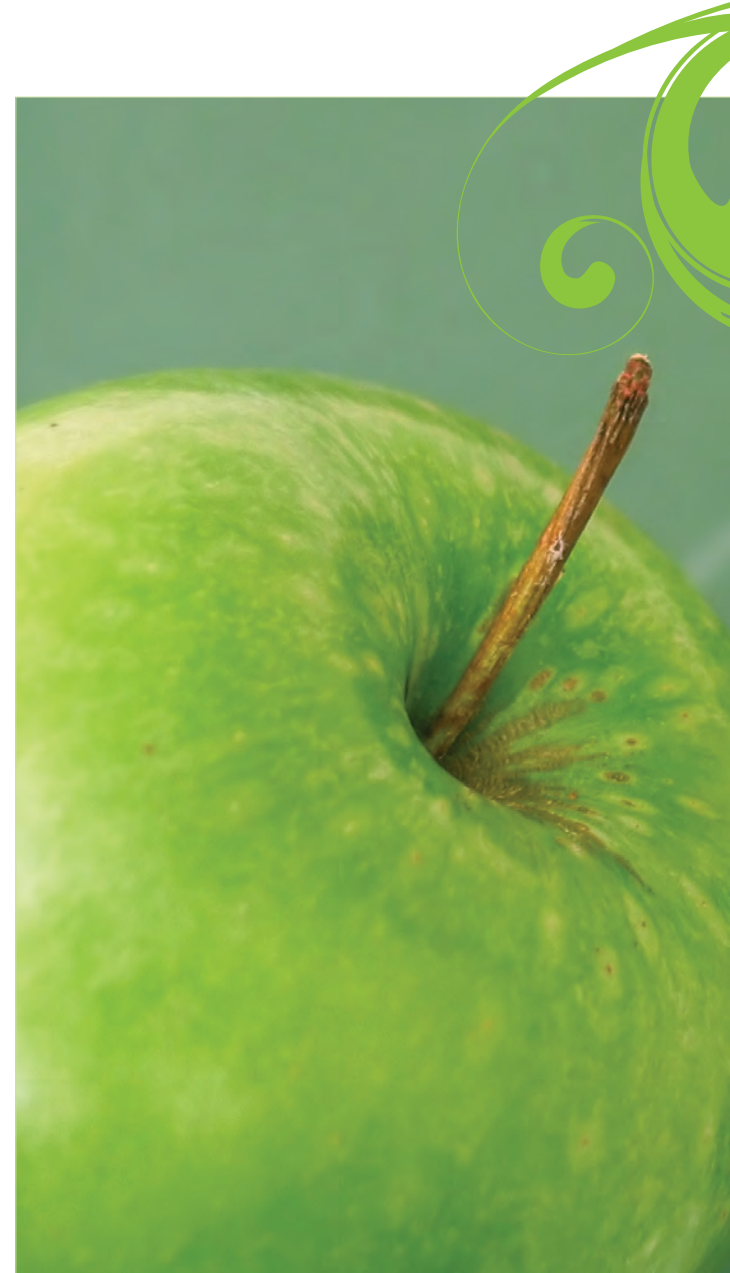
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A school nurse is such a valuable resource to staff and parents. - Wisconsin Parent



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Improving School Health Services in Wisconsin



Schools have a wealth of potential for ensuring the future well-being of young people. You can't educate a child who isn't healthy and you can't keep a child healthy who isn't educated.

- M. Joycelyn Elders, M.D.

(former Surgeon General of the United States)



1 Healthy Child = 1 Healthy Learner = Academic Achievement

Today:

When children don't feel well or are suffering from poor health, their schoolwork suffers. This can impact their success as adults.

Wisconsin children are facing overwhelming risks: obesity, asthma, alcohol and drug abuse, poverty, diabetes, mental illness and more.

Children's poor health costs society billions of dollars, and costs families in dollars, stress, depression, fatigue, and lost work days.

Tomorrow:

Encouraging a generation of healthy school-aged children should be Wisconsin's top priority.

Schools—through school health services—provide an optimal way to address health risks and grow healthy children.

It will take all of us to improve children's health.

Wisconsin must address the needs of its children if we want a healthy community and a health economy.



What YOU can do to help improve student health:

- Start a School Health Advisory Committee in your district.
- Discuss your support of school health services with school board members and school administrators, and share your support of health services as a priority.
- Propose local policies on how school health can be improved in your district.
- Contact your state legislator, share a personal story related to school health (if appropriate), and indicate your support of improved school health services.
- Meet your school nurse, school social worker, school counselor, and/or school psychologist, and ask how you can be supportive.
- Shadow a school nurse, health assistant, or other health services staff for a day.
- Go to www.wpha.org/schoolhealth.htm for more information and regular updates.