

### **2007 ISNO Legislative Talking Points**

1. Healthy kids make better learners--student achievement is directly related to health and attendance.
2. School nurses (RN's) provide a critical link in case management for students with chronic health concerns (asthma, diabetes, mental health concerns, etc).
3. School nurses provide early assessment of health concerns (including but not limited to physical and emotional concerns), in-school interventions, and referral into the health care system for students with health concerns.
4. School nurses guide families in establishing a medical home and/or health insurance (through HAWKI or other programs) for all children in Iowa.
5. School nurses provide an opportunity for all families with school age children access to a health professional without a cost to the family or an insurance company.

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