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## ACTION ALERT

### Nonpublic School Nursing Services

**ISSUE:** The allocation for nonpublic school nursing services continues to be underfunded. The per-pupil amount for nursing services has not kept up with the additional legislative requirements that a school nurse must perform, including the administration of certain medications and the nurse's role as first responder in a school emergency. It has become increasingly difficult for nursing services providers to find candidates for these positions with the result that a portion of the allocation gets returned to the state

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**POSITION:** The New Jersey Catholic Conference and Catholic school supporters strongly seek an increase in Nonpublic School Nursing Services to \$150.00 per pupil to cover the increased cost of nurses' salaries and the cost of other equipment required to provide these services. The availability of nurses is an additional issue and many schools are facing shortages of candidates because providers cannot cover the schools' needs for nurses during school hours at the current per-pupil amount.

**ACTION:** Call, write or email the Office of Governor Phil Murphy and ask for the requested increase in nursing services to \$150.00 per pupil. See [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Nursing Services](#) enclosed with this Alert.

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