



School Nurse Corps

Serving Washington's small, rural school districts

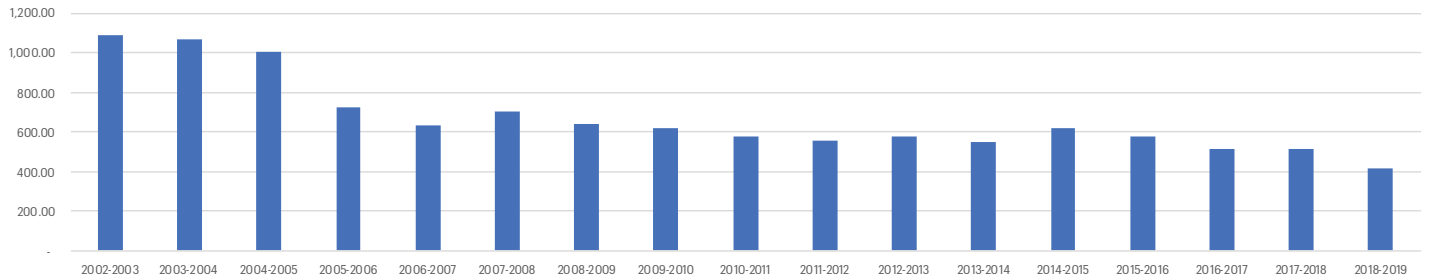
THE ASK

\$2.75 million for the School Nurse Corps for the 2020 supplemental budget and an ongoing \$5.5 million for the 2021-23 budget. This would assure a minimum of one day of school nurse services per week to our state's smallest, rural school districts.

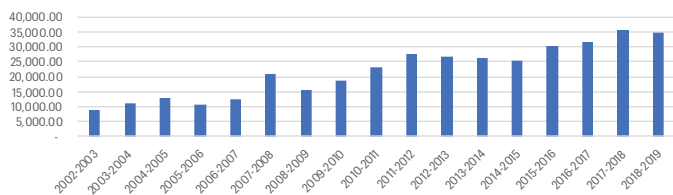
THE NEED

Over the last 20 years, funding for the School Nurse Corps has remained flat, even as student health conditions and the number of nursing care plans have drastically increased.

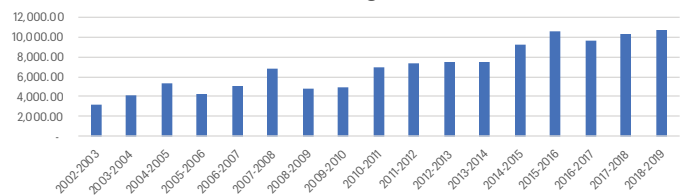
Number of RN Hours Provided by the SNC



Number of Health Conditions



Number of Nursing Care Plans



BACKGROUND

1997 JLARC Survey finds:

- 72 school districts in Washington without any RN service
- Non-nursing school district personnel were performing nursing care tasks without training or supervision
- JLARC Survey shows assistance is greatly needed for small, rural schools

1999 Legislature creates School Nurse Corps "to be dispatched to the most needy schools to provide direct care to students, health education, and training for school staff"

1999 School Nurse Corps is established in each of the nine Educational Service Districts

"Only when students are healthy will schools be able to fully meet their goals... if schools do not deal with children's health by design, they deal with it by default..." — Health is Academic, 1998

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