



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES, INC.
P.O. BOX 28313, RICHMOND, VA 23228

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Dear Superintendent:

Each year the Virginia Association of School Nurses (VASN) recognizes one school nurse and one school nurse administrator as School Nurse of the Year and School Nurse Administrator of the Year. The school nurse selected is one who has demonstrated excellence in school nursing practice and leadership in school health. The school nurse administrator selected is one who administers and coordinates quality school nursing services and health programs.

The National Association of School Nursing (NASN) has defined school nursing as a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self-advocacy, and learning.

The school nurses in your school division engage in professional nursing practice, use the nursing process for decision-making, document the care they provide, and assure confidentiality. As professional nurses they address the physical, mental, emotional, and social health of their students. In addition, professional school nurses have as the ultimate outcome of their practice, the support of student success in the learning process.

Please honor one of your school division's school nurses or your school nurse coordinator by completing the appropriate application. The application for these awards can be found on the VASN website www.vasn.us. Applications must be postmarked no later than July 7, 2009.

Sincerely,

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