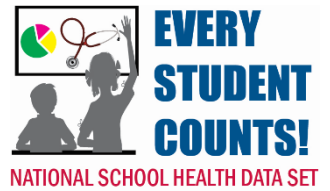




## Important Information and Update on the Georgia Every Student Counts Initiative!



**Calling all Private, Public, and Charter School Nurses and School Nurse Leaders!**

We hope that you are having a great start to the school year!! The **Georgia Every Student Counts Task Force** would like to share some wonderful news and update you on the status of our state and national data collection initiative. **First, we are excited to thank the 100 school systems (78 Public, 18 Private and 4 Charter) that submitted data for the 2018-2019 school year. Our goal was to have at least 100 school systems to report and submit their data...and with your help, we reached our goal! Excellent job...we celebrate you!** The last drawing for the \$100.00 gift card for school systems who submitted their data before the final deadline was held during Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta School Health Leadership Conference on Nov 7, 2019. **Congratulations to Fulton Science Academy Charter School for winning!**

The Task Force is **thrilled** with the response from the 2018-2019 school year and we want to keep the momentum and level of participation going! The Task Force, in collaboration with the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), is already working on plans to support this year’s data collection. We are planning to host another Georgia-specific webinar in March to review the data set and schedule some open “office hours” to personally answer and address any questions and concerns. Additionally, we will be sharing monthly tips about data collection and reviewing the data set via email blasts. We are also working on an infographic to display the data from last year (aggregate data only). As you may recall, we have assigned Regional Data Coaches that cover the entire state. If you have questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact your Regional Data Coach or a Coach closest to your area.

The goal of **NASN’s - National School Health Data Set – Every Student Counts** continues to be to develop a robust national school health data set that will influence local, state and national student health policy, identify best practices in school health, and better understand child health. Additionally, the data initiative helps support data driven policies to advocate for the needs of students. We are excited to be part of the national data initiative and will continue to keep you abreast of national and state data news. Last year we were able to put our state specific data to use which helped restore school nurse funding in Georgia!

We are happy to announce that the data set will remain the same for the 2019-2020 school year with the addition of one added question to address chronic absenteeism. We will share more detailed information regarding the new question in the upcoming months. As always, we need your help and support! We want our school nurse workforce information and school health data to be a true reflection of the hard work of **all** Georgia school nurses. **Our goal this year is to double the number of schools submitting their data...which means 200 Georgia school systems reporting their data for the 2019-2020 school year!**

**Let’s make sure Every Georgia Student Counts and Every Georgia School Nurse Counts!**

Thank you for all you do to care for Georgia’s students. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Data Coach, Debbie King at [King.debbie@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:King.debbie@mail.fcboe.org) or Lynne Meadows at [meadowsl@fultonschools.org](mailto:meadowsl@fultonschools.org).

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