



ACTION ALERT

Nonpublic School Nursing Services and School Transportation

ISSUE: The accounts for nonpublic school nursing services and transportation continue to be underfunded. The funding 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 their role as first responder in a school emergency.

Nonpublic school transportation continues to be problematic for many students, with the result being that parents receive aid-in-lieu payments instead of transportation. Aid-in-lieu for parents at the current rate does not help in getting their children to and from a nonpublic school from which they may be forced to transfer.

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POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the Catholic school community support 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 requirements imposed by the Legislature. They also support the raising of the per-pupil statutory ceiling for nonpublic school transportation to \$1,300 per pupil in order to have bus routes run for the majority of our students.

ACTION: Call, write or email the Office of Governor Phil Murphy and ask for the requested increases in nursing services to \$150.00 per pupil and to \$1,300 per pupil for transportation. See [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Transportation](#) and [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Nursing Services](#) enclosed with this Alert.

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