



Permission Letter

January 20__

(Superintendent of Schools)
(Address)

Dear Superintendent (Last Name):

As you know, school nurses play a complementary role with school staff in working to keep school children healthy and safe. Over the past decade, recognition of the link between health and education has increased, with greater understanding that a child must be healthy to learn and a child must learn to be healthy. The Utah School Nurse Association (USNA) has worked to educate state lawmakers about the challenges school health service programs face, including changing family structure and support systems, social morbidities, an increased number of children with complex and diverse health care needs attending school, and students who lack comprehensive health insurance coverage and/or primary care providers. The Utah Legislature has supported the role of the school nurse through funding to improve student's access to school nurses.

In the spirit of maintaining this important dialogue and understanding among lawmakers, local state legislators are being invited to shadow a school nurse in their districts to experience first hand how indispensable the 21st century school nurse is to our education system. Our hope is that legislators will seize this learning opportunity to discuss the health and safety issues that school nurses encounter and address in their daily practice.

As a USNA member, I am eager to plan a Legislator Shadow a School Nurse Day. Before extending an invitation to our local state legislators, I will await contact from your office regarding your approval or any questions you might have. Thank you for your timely consideration.

Best Regards,

(School Nurse Name)
(Contact Info)