

## Message to go on MSNO Website, June 2017

*“As collectors of population data, school nurses hold the key to understanding the health of our nation’s children” (<https://www.nasn.org/Research/StepUpBeCounted>).*



This project is a joint initiative of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) and the National Association of State School Nurse Consultants, and this is Massachusetts’ second year of participating. **Fifty-two school nurses provided data representing 20% of MA students last school year: let’s double these number for this school year!** NASN encourages nurses to follow any district policy they have about sharing data. Sharing the same data with principals and superintendents helps them understand student health issues in their schools. If you work in a district with a Nurse Leader, be sure to discuss with her or him your plan to share the data.

To see what data points you will report for your school or district, click on this [link to the NASN website](#). If you do not have access to all data points requested, that is okay, as NASN is encouraging schools that have not been collecting this type of data to begin with what they can collect accurately.

With the Step Up and Be Counted project, “data champions” in each state are aggregating the data reported by schools and districts and providing this data to NASN in October without identifying schools or school districts. When you have your data ready to submit to the MA data co-champions, Betty Foster and Jenny Gormley, please go the link below to enter your data.

[MA Step Up & Be Counted 2016-2017 Survey \(Qualtrics\)](#)

Or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

[https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9oYj03IY0e3EXXL](https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9oYj03IY0e3EXXL)

**Please submit your data by the end of June, if possible. Your data must be submitted by October 1, 2017.** If you have questions, you may contact us at:

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- Jenny M. Gormley, MSN, RN, NCSN, [jmgormley567@gmail.com](mailto:jmgormley567@gmail.com).

Many thanks to the *Massachusetts School Nurse Organization* for providing support for promotion of the project, data collection, and aggregate data reporting (no individual district data shared). Thank you for joining in this important project; your data and stories strengthen our advocacy for student health and achievement in Massachusetts and beyond!