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Dear Ms. Becker-Doyle,

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) applauds the National Athletic Trainers' Association for taking a leadership role regarding the health and safety of children. NASN supports the association's efforts by becoming a proud member of the Alliance to Address the Youth Sports Safety Crisis in America.

School nurses are well aware of the astounding number of sports-related injuries suffered by children on school athletic fields. Unfortunately, there is often a lack of properly trained personnel available on-site to evaluate and manage an athletic injury or medical condition. School nurses regularly deal with sports injuries, and 25% of schools do not have a school nurse working full-time. NASN supports efforts to address critical issues facing our young athletes today.

Addressing the health and wellbeing of all students is the responsibility of the athletic staff, school nurses, school administrators, teachers, parents, and the community as part of a coordinated school health model. School nurses and athletic trainers make a continued commitment to youth sports safety, to prevent our young athletes and their families from suffering from injuries, aggravated conditions, and absenteeism due to costly medical visits. Healthy children play better, and learn better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy L. Garcia RN".

Amy Garcia, RN, MSN
Executive Director