

## **Talking Points on Cuts in Nursing and Technology**

Governor Murphy's Budget eliminated \$3.8 million in nonpublic school aid in the areas of nursing and technology, in effect negating the increases provided by the Legislature in the Appropriations Act of July 2018 for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Nursing is essential to nonpublic schools because the Legislature keeps adding more requirements for the schools, which are the responsibility of the school nurse.
- It is important to tell legislators the story of how needed the nurse is in your own school and how these cuts will affect that service.
- The Nonpublic School Technology program has been funded in a sporadic fashion since the 1998-1999 Budget cycle.
- The effects of the cuts in the technology program should be described to legislators when asking at least for the return to the funding levels of this school year.

Remember that Governor Murphy's FY 2019 Budget contains over \$283 million in new funding for public schools while cutting our accounts.

***The effort to increase Nursing Services funding and the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative to their previous level of support can be made in various ways including class projects for letter writing and visits to appropriate legislators.***

***Any trips to Trenton made between now and June by individual classes should include an opportunity to speak to legislators about the status of Nursing Services and the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative.***