



NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH, NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP

(ROACHDALE, IN) – Hendricks Regional Health and the North Putnam Community School Corporation have announced a new partnership, effective July 1, 2024, to support the school nursing program at North Putnam.

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a Hendricks registered nurse will join the North Putnam team. The Hendricks nurse will provide backup to the current registered nurse, Mary Unger, and assist health aides with daily operations at the two elementary schools. Additionally, North Putnam nurses and health aides will get access to education and training through Hendricks and receive help with clinic set-up, supply ordering, and state reporting requirements.

"North Putnam has been well-served by our partnership with Hendricks for athletic training and sports medicine services," said Dr. Dustin LeMay, Superintendent of the North Putnam Community School Corporation. "So, when Mary asked the corporation to talk with Hendricks about expanding capacity to our school nursing program, it was a quick yes. With the board's approval, we are grateful to have Hendricks' expertise on hand to serve our students and families."

"As a community-minded healthcare system looking to turn the spotlight onto wellness and prevention, we are especially proud of the strong relationships we have formed with area schools. Establishing healthy habits at an early age pays dividends for a lifetime, and our school nurses are a great resource for families," said Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, MD, President & CEO of Hendricks Regional Health. "Overall, our school partnerships are rooted in the Hendricks values. As schools increasingly deal with more medically complex students, we want to be there for them, doing what we do best so they can focus on what they do best: educating the next generation."

Hendricks works with 13 K-12 public school corporations, DePauw University and Wabash College in various ways, including sports medicine, school nursing, employer wellness services, and narrow networks.

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