

Dear committee members,

I work as a RN in Portland Public Schools under contract from MESD. I am writing to support a RN at ODE working on policy level positions. It's important to have a nurse in this position so that we have policies that are written within the scope of practice of nurses and unlicensed assistive personnel. It's also important to have a RN that understands the difference between the community health role at schools and care at home or in a primary care setting. We also need RN input so that practices we are asked to do in school are practicable for the school setting and all the demands of the school day.

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