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To Whom It May Concern,

The licensed school nurse position is one in which a discretionary variance should be allowed through PELSB. Our special education cooperative recently tried to hire a licensed school nurse, but only received applicants from current registered nurses. The cooperative would have hired either of the registered nurses, but were unable to because there is no variance for a licensed school nurse. Without a school nurse license, cooperatives and districts are unable to use student support personnel aid to fund these positions. We have willing registered nurses to work in our schools, but it takes time for them to get appropriately licensed. The license is necessary for cooperatives and districts to use specific funding streams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Burgess", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Jeff Burgess
Superintendent
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