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December 8, 2025

Ms. Rose M. Catton, Executive Director New Jersey State School Nurses Association 1479 Pennington Road Trenton, NJ 08618

Re: Approval of Overnight Travel Waiver for 2026 Conference

Dear Ms. Catton:

The New Jersey Department of Education has reviewed your request submitted on behalf of the New Jersey State School Nurses Association (NJSSNA) seeking a waiver of the in-state overnight travel restriction to support the Spring Conference in East Brunswick, New Jersey, scheduled for March 27 – 28, 2026.

Under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.11, and the State Department of Treasury OMB Circular 16-11, reimbursement for in-state overnight travel is generally prohibited. However, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.11(c), exceptions may be granted for events that are broad and multidisciplinary in scope, comprised of content-rich educational programming, and offer important professional development opportunities or required training. After carefully reviewing your submission, it has been determined that the conference meets these criteria and is hereby approved.

## **Waiver Approval Details:**

- Overnight lodging reimbursement is approved for March 27, 2026 only.
- Reimbursement is limited to attendees whose one-way commute exceeds 50 miles.
- Registration fees, mileage and meals may be reimbursed per the OMB Circulars 20-04 and 16-11.
- Districts must ensure attendance is limited to staff whose roles align with the conference's purpose or continuing education requirements.

We appreciate NSSNA's commitment to advancing public education and wish you a successful event.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dehmer Commissioner

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**Executive County Superintendent**