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**From:** Young, Kristi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:37 AM  
**To:** Mendez, Hector  
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**Subject:** SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA FOR MAY 15, 2012 AT 6 PM/ECISD REGISTERED NURSES

**Importance:** High

Mr. Mendez,

This Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, is National School Nurse's Day. I cannot begin to express how proud I am to work with such a compassionate, skilled, experienced and educated group of Registered Nurses who service more than 30,000 students and employees at 38 different ECISD school campuses.

Within the past couple of weeks, 2 ECISD Registered Nurses have resigned and will not be returning for the 2012-2013 school year due to relocating out of state and family reasons. ECISD has posted a job opening for 1 Registered Nurse/School Nurse position. However, Mrs. Laura Mathew, Director of Health Services, has shared with Nurses her intentions and plans to NOT hire and fill the 2 vacant Registered Nurse positions and will replace the RNs with 6 aides although these Registered Nurse positions have been allocated and approved for the 2012-2013 school year.

First as a parent myself of an ECISD student with a serious medical condition, concern is an understatement that an aide could be assigned the responsibility and task of making medical decisions and providing treatment for our students and faculty.

Secondly as a Registered Nurse with over 13 years experience and over 6 years of dedication to ECISD, there are concerns for the lower standards and quality of care this will provide our students and faculty, the liability for an aide's decision or lack thereof, and overall the health and safety issues this poses. Having an aide work independently in a School Nurse office at a campus and without direct supervision of a licensed nurse would be dangerous and outside the scope of practice.

Mr. Mendez, the School Nurses are aware of all the efforts and hard work that ECISD, Administrators, and faculty, including School Nurses, are doing to improve the quality of our schools and school district. All of our collective efforts are for the enhancement and enrichment of our students that we serve.

Therefore on behalf of many ECISD Registered Nurses, we are respectfully requesting to be placed on the next school board agenda for May 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm to professionally discuss the following:

1. vital role of a Registered Nurse as a School Nurse; and
2. to bring awareness to the issue of replacing Registered Nurses with aides.

We truly appreciate your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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