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Dear Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Nachman,

I would like to submit two reports on the innovative pilot project approved by the NH Board of Nursing in July 2022. The innovation was to allow BSN prepared nurses to serve as clinical educators. The project was approved for three years, with the first two years collecting data. The first report is the results of the 2022/2023 survey and the second report is the 2023/2024 survey.

A survey was sent out to all the nursing programs participating in the project. Overall, the pilot project has been very successful. No student supervised by a BSN prepared clinical educator failed clinical. Overall satisfaction scores from students, clinical sites, and the BSN clinical educators were all very positive. All of the reporting schools are eager to continue the program and state that continuing the role of a BSN clinical instructor is essential to maintaining or increasing student enrollment.

Many of the schools commented on how important this role is. There are an insufficient number of MSN prepared nurses to fill all the needed faculty positions. Without the BSN clinical educator role, many of us would be required to limit admissions to our nursing programs, reducing the number of graduating nurses. We formally request that this change be made permanent in the nursing rules. We also thank the Board for allowing us to proceed with this pilot project. Based on the original approval for this pilot, there should be one more year the project can stay active while waiting for the rules to be finalized.

Sincerely,



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