A Note on Interpreting this Map
For each county of the same color shade, the percentage of schools with a full-time RN was within the corresponding range in the legend. For example, Hillsborough County, with a color shade corresponding to the percentage range of 16–33, had full-time RNs in 18% of its schools. Similarly, Union County had full-time RNs in 33% of its schools.

Why is it important for there to be a full-time RN in every school?
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and National Association of School Nurses recommend one full-time registered school nurse for every school.\(^1\)\(^2\) According to AAP, “the role of the school nurse has expanded to include critical components, such as surveillance, chronic disease management, emergency preparedness, behavioral health assessment, ongoing health education, extensive case management, and much more.”\(^1\) “The critical thinking skills that school nurses possess “benefit schools, families, the healthcare system, and most importantly children with chronic health conditions.”\(^2\)

References
\(^1\)http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/137/6/e20160852

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