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OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION

The Board of Education recognizes that many factors, including the use and misuse of prescription painkillers, can lead to the dependence on and addiction to opiates, and that such dependence and addiction can lead to overdose and death among the general public, including district students and staff. The Board wishes to minimize these deaths by the use of opioid overdose prevention measures.

The Board directs that the district shall operate an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program registered with the New York State Department of Health. Elizabeth Croft is designated as the Program Director. The Board permits the administration of naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other names) nasal spray, by volunteer trained responder staff, to any student or staff member showing opioid overdose symptoms, along with contacting emergency responders pursuant to the naloxone training. School nurses may become volunteer trained responders, but may only act as trained responders when not functioning as a nurse. The Board permits any staff member to volunteer to be trained in naloxone administration, via the district's Opioid Overdose Prevention program, by contacting the Program Director. Naloxone kits provided by the Program through the Department of Health shall be stored as indicated in the district's policies and procedures for the Program. The district shall comply with all recordkeeping, inventory, documentation, and notification requirements of state regulations. The Program Director shall maintain and distribute to the Building Principals and school nurses a list of all trained responders in the district and/or building, as appropriate.

The Board directs the school physician/medical director to issue a non-patient specific order to school nurses to administer intranasal or intramuscular naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other names). The non-patient specific order shall include a written protocol containing the elements required by the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Board permits school nurses to administer naloxone to any person at school or a school event displaying symptoms of an opioid overdose. The district shall purchase and provide the naloxone kits to be stored in identified Automated External Defibrillator (AED) cabinets and in the Health Office of High School and Middle School facilities. Naloxone shall be accessible during school hours and during on-site school-sponsored activities.

Ref: Education Law §§922 (volunteer naloxone responder); 6527 (emergency treatment of anaphylaxis and opioid overdose); 3023 (liability coverage); 6909 (administration of naloxone by nurses)
Public Health Law §3309 (volunteer naloxone responder)
8 NYCRR §§ 64.7 (administration of naloxone); Part 136 (school health services program, including naloxone)
10 NYCRR §80.138 (volunteer naloxone responder)

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Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Schools, New York State Education Department, 8/11/15, www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/files/filesystem/guidance_on_opioid_overdose_prevention_in_the_schools_final.pdf

Opioid Overdose Prevention: Guidelines for Policies and Procedures, New York State Department of Health, March 2014, www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/docs/policies_and_procedures.pdf

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**OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION
REGULATION**

The Health & Safety Director shall develop procedures for the placement, storage, inventory, re-ordering, administration documentation, reporting, and training of the school nurse, regarding the use of naloxone.

The district shall ensure that there is always one backup naloxone kit for each kit that is ready to be used. When a naloxone kit is used, another backup kit will be ordered. Naloxone that is nearing its expiration date will be replaced. The school nurse shall maintain a log of naloxone supplies containing the following information: lot number, date of receipt, expiration date, and location. The school nurse shall perform an inventory check of naloxone supplies monthly.

School nurses shall follow the non-patient specific order and written protocol for administration of naloxone, which includes criteria for assessment and directions for administration. School nurses shall document all administration of naloxone in the same manner as the administration of other medications under non-patient specific orders. School nurses shall report all administration of naloxone to the school physician, Building Principal and Superintendent.

The district shall follow the procedures established by the Rensselaer County Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, registered with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), for the use of naloxone, including: placement, storage, inventory and re-ordering, documenting and reporting incidents of usage, and volunteer responder training.

Every administration of naloxone shall be reported to the Clinical Director and Program Director of the Opioid Overdose Prevention Program in which the district is participating, as well as the school nurse.

The district shall maintain a current list of all trained volunteer responders by building location that includes the date of the person's most recent training, located in the district office. Trained responders are encouraged to review their training in the year between the refresher training.