



## REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES October 30, 2018

**Deb Crawford, Director of Education**

**SUBJECT:** Health Support Policy Revisions

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The board's current Health Support policy was last revised in October 2015. In that revision, the policy addressed providing health support during the school day that did not require assistance from a licensed medical practitioner. The policy detailed procedures for providing prescription medication in conjunction with Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81 and established forms to be used to request school assistance in health care and to log prescription medication once it is administered.

On February 28, 2018 the Ministry of Education released Policy/Program Memorandum No. 161: *Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) in Schools*. PPM No. 161 builds on the work that school boards are already doing to ensure that students with medical conditions are supported in school, including policies that meet requirements under Sabrina's Law and Ryan's Law.

PPM No. 161 provides direction to school boards to develop and maintain policies to support students with the following prevalent medical conditions:

1. Anaphylaxis - based on Bill 3, 2005 Sabrina's Law;
2. Asthma - based on Bill 20, 2015 Ryan's Law; and
3. Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.
4. Epilepsy

Board policies are to include a requirement for a Plan of Care to be in place for each of these students. A Plan of Care is a form that contains individualized information on a student with a prevalent medical condition. The Ministry of Education has provided school boards with a sample Plan of Care that has been developed in consultation with health and education partners. A Plan of Care template for each of the four prevalent medical conditions is now included in the procedures of the Health Support Policy.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Health Support Policy Revisions*, for information.**