

ANNUAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Time is of the essence when a drug overdose is occurring, or is believed to be occurring. Administering an opioid antidote (defined as naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration) blocks effects of opioids and can reverse a potentially life threatening overdose.

In accordance with the New Jersey Law (*P.L. 2013, c. 46*), the “Overdose Prevention Act” the school physician annually prescribes an opioid antidote including naloxone hydrochloride as part of the district’s physician standing order. The opioid antidote shall be administered in an emergency to any student, school personnel or other person during school hours or during on-site school-sponsored activities believed to be experiencing a opioid overdose. The board authorizes the drug to be administered by the school doctor, the school nurse, other appropriately designated individuals deemed, by a health care professional, capable of administering the opioid antidote, where the individual has been trained through a Department of Human Services (DHS) endorsed program to administer the opioid antidote.

The Passaic Board of Education hereby informs you that where board-approved policy and procedures are followed, the district, its employees, and designated individuals shall incur no liability whatsoever for any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses of any kind as a result of any injury arising from the good faith emergency administration of the opioid antidote.

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.