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1. Rationale

- 1.1 In compliance with Sabrina’s Law, Ryan’s Law and all other relevant legislation, the Lakehead District School Board recognizes the seriousness of prevalent medical conditions.
- 1.2 It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board to establish and maintain policies and procedures that ensure the safety of students with prevalent medical conditions, while supporting these students as they access school in a safe, accepting and healthy way. The safety of students with prevalent medical conditions is a shared responsibility of the Board, school, family, health care provider and community partners.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board that staff members are aware of prevalent medical conditions, minimize the risks of an occurrence of a medical exacerbation/reaction and respond accordingly to emergency situations as laid out in the medical management plans.

3. Guidelines

- 3.1 All procedures related to prevalent medical conditions for students must be administered in a manner that respects, to the degree possible in the circumstances, the student’s privacy, dignity and cultural sensitivity.
- 3.2 Each school principal shall ensure that there is a mechanism to identify students with prevalent medical conditions. Each school shall be responsible for developing a Medical Management Plan/Emergency Action Plan for managing the prevalent medical conditions of all students. This plan shall be developed in conjunction with parents/guardians/caregivers and health professionals upon registration or upon a new diagnosis and should be reviewed yearly.
- 3.3 Each school principal shall empower students to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition(s) according to their Medical Management Plan.
- 3.4 In preventing the potential for an exacerbation or life-threatening allergic reaction, the principal shall identify strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to allergens or known triggers in classrooms and common school areas.
- 3.5 In responding to emergency situations, staff and third party employees are acting according to the principle of “in loco parentis” and not as health professionals. These individuals who provide supports to students in an emergency situation shall have full coverage under the Board’s liability policies.

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3.6 On an annual basis, the principal will arrange regular training in dealing with prevalent medical conditions for all employees and others who are in direct and regular contact with identified students.

4. Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy.

<u>Cross Reference</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Legal Reference</u>
Ministry of Education Policy & Program Memorandum No. 161, Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions 6061 Administration of Oral Medication Policy and Procedures	June 27, 2017	Bill 3 Sabrina’s Law, 2005 – An act to protect anaphylactic pupils Bill 20 Ryan’s Law, 2015 – Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools
Ministry of Education Policy & Program Memorandum No. 81, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings, July, 1984	<u>Date Revised</u> April 23, 2019	