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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: State Board of Education Model Policy on the Management of
Diabetes in the School Setting

On November 8, 2011, the State Board of Education adopted the "Model Policy on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting."

Diabetes is a common chronic disease of childhood. There is an increasing number of children with diabetes who require accommodations during the school day to do blood glucose testing, have between meal snacks, and take insulin injections or make insulin pump adjustments. The need for careful control and self-management of diabetes by the child/family is an essential component of care in order to prevent short- and long-term complications from diabetes.

Communication between parent/guardian, school personnel, the student's health care providers, and the school nurse (if available) is important to successfully manage diabetes. This model policy contains information and sample forms that can be used by school personnel to facilitate the communication needed to enable the student with diabetes to successfully manage his/her diabetes and continue to achieve academically.

The model policy is intended to be used as a guide to assist school districts as they develop their own policies.

The policy and other resources are available on our website under "Diabetes" at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_38684_29823-208930--00.html. Questions may be directed to the Coordinated School Health and Safety Program Unit at (517) 373-1122.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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