

## **UNEXPECTED HEALTH EMERGENCIES AT SCHOOLS**

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### **PHILOSOPHY**

The Board of Education ("Board") is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all students, staff, and visitors in schools. A timely and effective response to unexpected health emergencies is essential to ensuring a safe school environment. Unexpected medical emergencies can arise without warning and require an immediate response.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of this policy to the Superintendent of Schools and authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures to guide its implementation.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Each school must be prepared to act in the event of an unexpected health emergency by calling 911 and with clearly identified life-saving tools in accordance with applicable Ministerial Order(s) and Policies.
- All health emergency responses shall align with applicable legislation, including the School Act and relevant WorkSafeBC requirements.
- Tools must be accessible and provided in non stigmatizing ways.

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