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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Approval of Revisions to Student Health Services and Requirements Policy

Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the revisions to the Student Health Services and Requirements Policy as detailed in the attached document.

This is a first reading of the revisions to this policy.

Description: These revisions to the Student Health Services and Requirements Policy are being presented to align the policy with the current practices of the school district and the Student Health Services in accordance with state and federal law.

Supporting Data: Redline of Student Health Services and Requirements Policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Activities may include identification of student health needs, health screening tests (including vision, eye and hearing and dental screening tests and body mass index), infectious communicable disease prevention and control, promotion of the correction of remediable health defects, emergency care of the ill and injured, health counseling, health and safety education, and the maintenance of a healthful school environment.

The school district recognizes that parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for the health of their students. The school will cooperate with appropriate professional organizations associated with maintaining individual and community health and safety.

The school district shall provide the services of a ~~medical consultant~~ School Health Physician who shall render ~~medical and~~ administrative consultative services for personnel responsible for school health and athletics. School Health Services are provided by the Cambridge Health Department with oversight by the Medical Director, RN Clinical Manager and Senior Director of Public Health Nursing Services.

Procedures for Emergency at School

Unlicensed School personnel shall give only emergency care to students who become ill or injured on school property, buses, or while under school supervision in the absence of a school nurse.

Each year parents/guardians shall supply information indicating where the student is to be taken in case of an emergency; the name, address, and phone number of an neighbor individual to be contacted in case the parent/guardian is not available; and any allergies or diseases the student might have.

The school district shall maintain a Medical Emergency Response Plan, as required by law, and an Emergency Operations Plan Procedures Handbook which shall be utilized by school district personnel for handling emergencies. Emergency procedures shall include the following:

_____ Provision for care beyond First Aid, which would enable care by the family or its physician or the local Emergency Medical Services agencies. In instances when Emergency Medical Services the Paramedic Assistance Unit is required, every effort shall be made to provide the unit Emergency Medical Services with a copy with of the student's Emergency Card which lists health information, including a list of any allergies or diseases the student might have.;

_____ Information relative to not permitting the administration of any form of medicine or drugs to a student by licensed or unlicensed staff s without written approval of the student's parents/guardians. Requests made by parents for such administration of medication shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with the school district's Policy and Procedures for the Administration of Prescription Medication and Management of Life Threatening Food Allergies in the School Setting. by the principal/head of upper school or designee;

_____ Provisions for reporting all accidents, cases of injury, or illness to the principal/head of upper school, school nurse, to the Safety and Security Office and to the Chief Operating Officer in accordance with the procedures detailed in the school district's Emergency Operations Plan. Provisions shall be made (in all cases of injury or illness involving

~~possible legal or public relations implications) for reporting such to the appropriate executive director of education immediately;~~

____ Prompt reporting by teachers and any other school staff to the principal/head of upper school or designee and school nurse any accident or serious illness and such reports will be filed with the Safety and Security Office and the Chief Operating Officer ~~Business Office~~.

Student Illness or Injury

In case of illness or injury, the parent/~~or~~ guardian will be contacted and asked to call for the student or provide the transportation.

Transportation of an ill or injured student is not ~~normally~~ to be provided by the school. If the parent/guardian cannot provide transportation of a student to the hospital and the student is ill or injured and in need of medical treatment, an ambulance may be called. Expense incurred as a result of ~~emergency~~ ambulance use will not be borne by the school district.

~~Transportation of a student by school personnel will be done only in an emergency and by the individual so designated by the school administrator.~~

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L.c. 69, §8A; 71, §§53, 54, 54A, 54B, 55, 55A, 55B, 56 & 57

Adopted: ~~September 16, 2014~~