



# **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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☐ Three (3)  
 Minutes

Name	Matthew DeAbreu
Committee	SEAC
Date of Presentation	4/18/2018
Topic of Presentation	Management of diabetes at TCDSB
Topic or Issue	Development of a policy to support students managing diabetes while at school.
Details	<p>Since children spend 30 to 35 hours per week at school, effectively managing their diabetes while there is integral to their short- and long-term health.</p> <p>Type 1 diabetes (T1D) impacts 1 in 300 children in the TCDSB system, each having individualized medical needs that require appropriate supervision and daily management at any hour of the day.</p> <p>Support for students with T1D is inconsistent across TCDSB. There are discrepancies in teacher education and student support systems across the TCDSB, even among schools in the same jurisdiction.</p> <p>Management of this disease involves daily blood sugar checks, insulin injections, meal planning, carbohydrate counting, and monitoring for symptoms of dangerous low blood sugars which require immediate attention and treatment.</p> <p>The most concerning danger with T1D is a hypoglycemic (low blood sugar) episode, which requires immediate first aid and can be fatal if preliminary symptoms are missed. The speed at which a low blood sugar transitions to an emergency situation adds to the prevalence for a structured diabetes management plan at all TCDSB schools.</p> <p>On October 24th, 2017, the Ministry of Education (MOE) released a PPM 161 (Draft) – Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions</p>

	<p>(Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) in Schools. The PPM 161 requires school boards to develop much needed policies to support the aforementioned medical conditions. It describes what should be included in the policies, among other things, school boards are expected to detail the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The roles and responsibilities of parents, school staff, principal, students, and school boards;</li> <li>• How training and education for school staff will be maintained;</li> <li>• What a student's Plan of Care should include;</li> <li>• How daily management of the student's condition will be supported;</li> <li>• How emergencies will be handled.</li> </ul> <p>School boards are expected to have their policies on prevalent medical conditions implemented no later than September 1, 2018.</p> <p>In order to facilitate school boards achieving this expectation, the MOE recommends consulting with appropriate groups to guide the development of the aforementioned policies.</p>
Action Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TCDSB establishes a diabetes policy working group, inclusive of both myself and Lisa Geelen as parent representatives and T1D subject matter experts, to develop a TCDSB diabetes policy for implementation on September 1, 2018.</li> <li>• Make the current draft of a TCDSB diabetes policy immediately available to both myself and Lisa Geelen for our review to ensure there are no gap areas.</li> <li>• A meeting with the Superintendent of Special Services within the next 10 business days to;             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Establish a diabetes policy working group and,</li> <li>· Develop an aggressive plan of action to implement a TCDSB diabetes policy by the MOE deadline of September 1, 2018.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	{ 1) I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf }
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T.14.	I Agree
Submittal Date	4/11/2018