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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 31, 2017

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

**FROM:** Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

**SUBJECT:** Guidelines for Responding to an Opioid-Related Overdose at School

Effective March 29, 2017, the Michigan legislature passed P.A. 385 of 2016 which allows local school districts to stock and provide an opioid antagonist to pupils or other individuals who are believed to have an opioid-related overdose. An [addendum](#) to the 2002 Model Policy and Guidelines for Administering Medications to Pupils at School provides guidance on responding to an opioid-related overdose.

Beginning with the 2017–18 school year, this law states that any Michigan public school board may stock an opioid antagonist. If they elect this option, the local board must ensure that the following conditions are met:

- Develop and implement policies that are consistent with P.A. 385 of 2016 and the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) medication administration guidelines and addendum
- Ensure that at least one package of an opioid antagonist is placed in each school building
- Ensure that school personnel are designated, trained, and authorized to administer the opioid antagonist
- Annually collect and report data on the number of emergency uses of opioid antagonists

Included in the addendum is information on obtaining the opioid antagonists for school buildings. School boards can purchase or seek the donation of the opioid antagonist through pharmaceutical companies.

Companies that currently manufacture opioid antagonists are:

- EVZIO [www.evzio.com](http://www.evzio.com)
- NARCAN [www.narcan.com](http://www.narcan.com) (Currently offering a free package to each Michigan high school. Click [here](#) for more details.)

Questions may be directed to Kim Kovalchick in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit at 517-241-4292 or [kovalchick@michigan.gov](mailto:kovalchick@michigan.gov).

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