

## **RSU 63**

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** JLCAA
- b. Title:** Handling of Body Fluids
- c. Author:** Superintendent/School Nurse
- d. Replaces Policy:** NEW
- e. Date Approved:** 09/26/2016 RSU 63
- f. Previously Approved:** NEW
- g. Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. Responsible for Review:** Superintendent, School Nurse, & Policy Committee
- i. Date Reviewed:** 09/12/2016 Superintendent  
09/13/2016 Policy Committee
- j. References:** Policy GBGB-Personal Protective Equipment
- k. Narrative:**

During the course of the school year students may become ill or in need of assistance that goes beyond the responsibilities of classroom teachers. While it is the desire of the RSU 63 School Board (the Board) that parents/guardians complete toilet-training of their students before they enter Pre-k or Kindergarten, the Board realizes this may not happen for some students.

The Board also realizes that some students may have special health needs while attending school. This policy is to address potential personal needs of students which fall outside the realm of the classroom teacher's responsibilities.

- I.** The cleaning up of expelled bodily fluids, such as vomit, feces, and urine, is the responsibility of custodial staff who will utilize appropriate cleaning agents and personal protective equipment. This is not to say that teachers are not expected to deal with the issue initially, if possible (i.e., placing paper towels over the discharge while waiting for the custodian to arrive).
- II.** Changing of student diapers or soiled undergarments is not the responsibility of the classroom teacher. Classroom teachers will not be absent from the classroom or in any area which prevents appropriate supervision of assigned students.
- III.** Any on-going student health or medical condition which requires regular tending or the exchange of dressings, the cleansing of medical apparatus, etc. is the responsibility of the school nurse or an appropriate district staff member who has been trained by the school nurse.
- IV.** Notification of student needs identified in this policy will be provided by the student's parents/guardians and enrolling school personnel and subsequently discussed with the school nurse, assigned classroom teacher(s), and building principal. While the classroom teacher needs to be aware of such conditions or personal needs, tending to the personal health needs will be the responsibility of the school nurse or someone trained by the school nurse if appropriate. The responsibility will not be assigned to the classroom

teacher.

- V. The Superintendent of Schools and building principals will be responsible for the implementation of this policy.