



Sample HSCDSB Letter of Notification to Parents/Guardians of Intent to Participate as Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Drug abuse happens to children and young adults in communities all across Ontario and Canada. Abuse of drugs containing opioids has been happening more often. Opioid is contained in certain drugs like heroin or in prescription medicines a doctor may give their patients.

Our schools would like to help any student, staff or visitors who might have taken too much of a drug that contains opioids. Starting this year, Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will permit school staff who have completed a training program to give a medicine called Naloxone to save the life of a student, staff or visitor who looks like they took a drug overdose. Naloxone is given by spraying it into a person's nose.

Naloxone is safe for children and pregnant women and will not hurt anyone who has not taken a drug that contains opioids.

If your child shows signs of drug overdose at school and is given naloxone, you will be called. The school will send your child to a hospital emergency room by ambulance.

Drug abuse can affect anyone, for more information please go to <https://www.algomapublichealth.com/healthy-living/substance-use-harm-reduction/opioids/naloxone/>

Sincerely,

Paul McDonald
Health & Safety Officer