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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Effective September 2018, the Ministry of Education expects all school boards in Ontario to develop and maintain a policy to support students in schools who have Prevalent Medical Conditions (Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy and/or Anaphylaxis). The Peel District School Board has developed Plans of Care to support students with Prevalent Medical Conditions to fully access school in a safe, accepting and healthy learning environment that supports student well-being.

A Plan of Care is a form that contains individualized information on a student with a Prevalent Medical Condition. It contains: preventative strategies to reduce the risk of medical incident, identification of school staff who will have access to the Plan of Care, identification of daily management activities, symptoms, emergency contact information, health care provider input (as appropriate). Health care provider information and signatures are optional for the Plan of Care but not for the administration of prescribed medication.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to support in the implementation of this new Ministry of Education policy by informing the school of their child's medical condition, assisting in the development and review of their child's Plan of Care annually, providing appropriate medication and supplies and seeking medical advice (where appropriate).

Schools will begin to work with families of students who have a Prevalent Medical Condition to complete Plans of Care in preparation for school start-up in September 2018.

Sincerely,

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