

POLICY 460 OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) places importance on the health and well-being of staff and students. The Board also recognizes that overdose deaths are a leading cause of unnatural deaths in BC, impacting people from all regions regardless of age, education level, profession, and economic status.

The Board believes that harm reduction is an appropriate response in the event of an opioid overdose. As Naloxone (Narcan) has been shown to increase positive outcomes in the event of an opioid overdose, and has no negative effects if given in the absence of opioids, Naloxone kits shall be made available in all schools

The Superintendent will develop and implement emergency response procedures related to opioid overdose, including the distribution of Naloxone kits to schools.