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**RE: Compliance with SB 738 and SB 911, Care of Students with Diabetes**

At the request of the State Board of Education, the NC Division of Public Health/School Health Unit included in its annual survey of School Health Services in NC public schools, these four questions related to the care of students with diabetes in all public and charter schools in North Carolina:

1. How many students with diabetes were enrolled in your LEA / charter school this past school year?
2. If one or more to #1: Does your LEA offer annual generalized diabetes training to school staff, system-wide?
3. If one or more to #1: Did your LEA / charter school have at least two persons who were intensively trained on diabetes care, in any school in which one or more students with diabetes were enrolled?
4. If one or more to #1: How many students with diabetes, upon notification and parental request, had an Individual Health Plan (IHP) completed by a school nurse or other medical professional in the past school year?

**Public Schools (Non-Charter):**

115 (100%) LEAs reported

4,552 (0.32 % of approximately 1,427,379 students enrolled; Final ADM accessed from NC DPI website minus students reported by charter schools) students in all LEAs have diabetes; each LEA reported having one or more students with diabetes enrolled.

113 (98%) LEAs offered annual generalized training about diabetes to school staff, system-wide (Because all LEAs had at least one student with diabetes enrolled, all 115 were expected to offer generalized training about diabetes to school staff in order to fulfill this requirement).

113 (98%) LEAs had at least 2 persons intensively trained on diabetes care in each school where students with diabetes were enrolled (in order to fulfill this requirement, because each LEA had at least one student with diabetes enrolled, 100% of LEAs were expected to have had at least 2 persons intensively trained on diabetes care).

3,559 (78%) students with diabetes, upon notification or parental request, had an IHP completed by a school nurse. (Parents may decline an IHP.)

## **Public Charter Schools:**

106 (100 %) charter schools reported; 1 charter school closed permanently prior to reporting deadline.

144 students (0.29% of total charter school reported student enrollment of 48,878) in the charter schools have diabetes.

58 (54.7%) charter schools enroll one or more students with diabetes.

48 (45.3%) stated that they had no students with diabetes enrolled.

In those charter schools with one or more students with diabetes enrolled, 48 (82.7%) offered annual generalized training about diabetes to school staff system-wide (10 charter schools with diabetic students did not offer generalized training about diabetes to school staff).

55 charter schools (94.8% of charter schools with one or more students with diabetes) reported having at least 2 persons intensively trained on diabetes care in each school where students with diabetes were enrolled; 3 schools with students with diabetes did not have at least 2 persons intensively trained on diabetic care (a requirement for each school with one or more students with diabetes).

117 (81%) of those 144 students with diabetes, upon notification or parental request, had an IHP completed by a nurse or other qualified medical professional (parents may decline an IHP).

## **Overall Compliance**

### **Compliance with requirement to report to SBE:**

All 115 LEAs and all 106 charter schools completed the requested report this year.

### **Compliance with components of SB 911 and SB 738:**

The report indicates that the 115 public, non-charter LEAs are 98% or better in compliance with the major requirements of SB 738/911.

The report indicates that the 106 charter schools are 82% or better in compliance with the individual required components of SB 738/911 (a 7% increase from the prior year).

The School Health Nurse Consultants in the School Health Unit of the Division of Public Health are available to provide on-going consultation and technical assistance to DPI and to any school with any school health matters, including meeting the requirements of SB 738/911.

Sincerely,

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**Attached: PDF LEA and charter school reporting on Care of Students with Diabetes**



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