

# SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS ORDER

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Order of the Minister of Education and Child Care

## Community health nurses in schools

**1** Every board shall

- (a) equip and maintain a room that can be used as a medical room in each school within the district, and
- (b) make that medical room available to the community health nurse assigned to the school during scheduled and special visits.

## Auditory systems

**2** (1) Each board is responsible for referring any of its students who are hearing impaired to the Ministry of Health for a needs assessment to determine if the student requires auditory training equipment for classroom use.

(2) On request of a board, the minister shall loan to the board auditory training equipment for each student who has been assessed under subsection (1) as needing the equipment.

(3) The minister is responsible for routine maintenance of auditory training equipment loaned to a board.

## Speech and language services

**3** A board of a school district shall provide speech and language therapy services for students of school age who attend a school in the district and whose education is adversely affected by oral communication difficulties.

## Medical assessment

**4** A board shall refer for medical assessment and subsequent referral for occupational or physiotherapy consultation any students who have ongoing physical conditions or disabilities serious enough to cause interference with the attainment of the goals of education.

## Specialized health services

**5** (1) If complex health procedures are carried out in schools, the board shall ensure that staff designated to carry out these procedures have been trained, and are supervised, by appropriate health professionals.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1) complex health procedures include but are not limited to, gastrostomy care and tube feeding, administration of oxygen, catheterization and suctioning.

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(3) School staff trained to carry out health procedures for a specific student shall not perform those procedures on other students.

### Duty to report

6 On or before June 30, every superintendent of schools for a school district shall notify the school medical officer for the school district of the name and location of each school in the district and the projected enrollment for each school in the following school year.

### Provision of Menstrual Products

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- (a) Each board must establish, maintain and make publicly available a policy and procedures for the provision of menstrual products to all students who may require them.
  - (b) The policy and procedures must:
    - i. Ensure menstrual products are provided to students of all gender identities or expressions in a manner that protects student privacy;
    - ii. Provide for barrier free, easily accessible menstrual products at no cost to students;
    - iii. Provide for consistent availability and supply of menstrual products in school washrooms; and
    - iv. Incorporate student feedback with respect to the provision of menstrual products.

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