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**To:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public Schools  
Administrators of Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools

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**Subject:** Information for Schools Regarding New Law on Opioid Overdose Prevention

Effective August 11, 2015, Education Law § 922 along with Public Health Law § 3309 permit school districts, boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES), county vocational education and extension boards, charter schools, and non-public elementary and secondary schools in New York State to provide and maintain on-site in each instructional school facility opioid antagonists for use during emergencies to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

Additionally, Part V of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2015, effective August 11, 2015, amended Education Law §§ 6527 and 6909 to authorize registered professional nurses (RNs) to administer opioid-related overdose treatment pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol prescribed by a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner.

Related guidance and other resources designed to assist schools in implementing the requirements of the law are available on the Statewide Center for School Health Services website at:

<http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/HeroinandOpioidToolkitResources>

Questions should be directed to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090, or [StudentSupportServices@nysed.gov](mailto:StudentSupportServices@nysed.gov).