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### ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (STUDENT)

Students infected with HIV will not be denied enrollment in school. The Board will not prevent an HIV infected student from participating in the continuation of his/her education on the basis of HIV infection.

When a student in this school system has HIV or AIDS, the superintendent will convene an evaluation team composed of the student's parents/guardians, the student's physician if he/she elects to attend, a physician or nurse from the Public Health Department as designated by the regional health officer and a representative of the local education agency as designated by the superintendent. The evaluation team will evaluate and review the student's health status relative to attending school. The superintendent will be responsible for requesting medical records from the parent/guardian and a statement from the student's physician regarding the health status of a student reported to have HIV/AIDS. In addition, the superintendent will gather information regarding the student's cumulative school record. These records will be reviewed by the evaluation team. The team will assume responsibility for determining when a student's medical condition warrants the student's removal from the classroom. For any child determined as warranting removal from the classroom due to medical reasons, the school system will be responsible for determining the appropriate educational program for the child. The parent/guardian will be included as part of the local decision-making process. Because HIV/AIDS infection is a progress disease, semi-annual medical and educational monitoring will be conducted by the evaluation team using the latest public health information.

No information concerning an HIV infected student will be divulged, directly or indirectly, to any other individual or group without the written consent of the parent/guardian. All medical information and written documentation of discussion, conversations, and proceedings will be kept by the superintendent in a locked file. If the HIV infected student is under the age of eighteen, access to this file will be granted only to those persons having written consent of the parent/guardian. Individuals will be informed of a student's HIV infection on a "need-to-know" basis, as decided by the evaluation with the written consent of the parent/guardian. No information will be released to the public identifying a student with HIV/AIDS.