

ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

POLICY FOR STUDENTS

- 1.0 All available evidence supports the view that the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus cannot be spread by ordinary daily interactions of family, social, employment or educational contact.
- 2.0 The Board considers therefore, that segregation of or discrimination against students who are infected with the AIDS virus is not justified simply because they are infected with the virus.
- 3.0 The Board outlines its position on students infected with the AIDS virus with the following statements:
 - 3.1 The Board will make every effort to ensure that the identity of a student infected with the AIDS virus remains confidential, subject to the Board's legal obligations.
 - 3.2 Students infected with the AIDS virus shall have the right to attend their regular classes as long as they pose no health or safety risk to others, as identified by the Medical Officer of Health, Central Region, Department of Health.
 - 3.3 Where the Medical Officer of Health has deemed it necessary to inform the Superintendent of a student's infection because that student has been judged to pose a health and safety risk to others, the Superintendent shall meet with the parents (and the student, if appropriate) along with the Medical Officer of Health, to make necessary arrangements for the exclusion of that student from the school setting.
 - 3.4 Where the behaviour of the student is such that they would pose a risk of infecting others if they were infected with the AIDS virus, the identity of this student shall be made known to the Superintendent who shall seek the advice of the student's attending physician regarding the health status of that student to obtain assurance that the student's behaviour poses no unacceptable risk to the health of others.
- 4.0 Comprehensive AIDS education programs, including universal precautions, shall be provided to students, staff and the public, subject to the guidelines approved by the Board.