January 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Opioid Reversal Medication (Naloxone) for High Schools

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) are pleased to announce that the drug Naloxone will be available to our public high schools beginning January 2019 through a grant process. The funding for the drug is secure through the ADPH and will be at no cost to schools.

Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. Evzio auto-injector is the device that will be made available through this particular grant. The ALSDE, Children’s Hospital of Alabama, and ADPH worked together along with the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Pharmacy to develop the ALSDE Naloxone Training Program for unlicensed personnel to administer the drug. The training will be made available from the local education agencies (LEA) lead nurse.

To receive the Evzio auto-injector, the lead nurse will be required to submit the LEA training documents to the ALSDE nurse administrator. Once the training is complete the lead nurse will be allowed to request and receive the medication from the local ADPH office.

The Naloxone Training is available on the ALSDE website at the link below:


If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Ventress, Nurse Administrator, at 334-694-4717 or by email at jventress@alsde.edu or Ms. LaBrenda Marshall, Nurse Manager, at 334-694-4725 or by email at lmarshall@alsde.edu.

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