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The Caswell County Board of Education recognizes that Anaphylaxis is a severe systemic allergic reaction resulting from exposure to allergens; that it is rapid in onset; and that it can cause death. The Board also recognizes that many severe allergies are undiagnosed, and students or others may experience their first severe allergic reaction while at school. The Board also recognizes that epinephrine auto-injector devices (sometimes referred to as epipens) can be used to administer epinephrine and will provide for relatively rapid administration of first aid to persons suffering a potentially fatal reaction to anaphylaxis.

This policy addresses the use of emergency epinephrine auto-injector devices administered under a non-patient specific standing order. Student-specific orders and/or student-specific prescriptions for epinephrine auto-injector devices are addressed by Board Policy 422 entitled Administering Medications.

Only designated trained school personnel are authorized to use emergency epinephrine auto-injector devices to deliver emergency medical aid to any person suffering from an anaphylactic reaction during the school day or at a school-sponsored event on school property. The superintendent shall ensure that at least two emergency epinephrine auto-injector devices are located at each school for this purpose and that such devices are stored in secure, but unlocked and easily accessible, locations,

Each school principal shall designate one or more school personnel, as part of the medical care program under G.S. 115C-375-1, to receive initial training and annual retraining from a school nurse or other qualified representative of the local health department regarding the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injector devices. Only such trained personnel are authorized to administer epinephrine to persons believed to be suffering an anaphylactic reaction. The principal of each school shall make reasonable efforts to notify all school staff of the employee(s) who has received this training in order to facilitate a prompt emergency response.

The principal of each school, in collaboration with appropriate school personnel, shall create or adopt an appropriate emergency action plan for the use of epinephrine auto-injector devices that complies with all state law requirements. Principals are encouraged to include in the plan school-wide employee training in recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.

Epinephrine auto-injector devices provided by the school are not intended, and cannot be used, as the sole supply of epinephrine for students known to have medical conditions requiring the availability of an epinephrine auto-injector device. Parents of students with known life threatening allergies and/or anaphylaxis should provide the

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school with written instructions from the students' health care provider for handling anaphylaxis and all necessary medications for implementing the student specific order in accordance with Board Policy 422 entitled Administering Medications. Students who meet the conditions established in Board Policy 422 subsection 5. item c. may possess and self-administer their own medication.

This policy does not require emergency epinephrine auto-injector devices to be available at activities held off school grounds during or after the school day, including field trips or off-site athletic events, or during transportation to or from school, except as may be required pursuant to an individual student's IEP, Section 504 Plan, or health or emergency plan.

This policy is adopted by the Caswell County Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 115C-375.2A School Supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.