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Protection of Anaphylactic Students

The York Catholic District School Board and York Region District School Board recognize there are some students that are susceptible to severe anaphylactic reactions. It is the Policy of both Boards that all students are entitled to safe, healthy environments in school and where applicable in school buses.

To this end it is the responsibility of the School to inform STS of any student who is transported to and/or from school who may suffer from an anaphylactic reaction. Upon receipt of such documentation, STS will assign the student to a vehicle operated by a School Bus Contractor, and notify the applicable contractor of the affected student. This will include the forward of applicable hard copy information provided by the school. Where required, School Bus Drivers should work alongside the initiative of the School Principal to assign specific seats to students with life threatening allergies and to enforce a **no food/beverage consumption rule on school buses**. In the event of an anaphylactic reaction, School Bus Drivers should immediately contact their dispatcher and request an ambulance and/or EMS. Drivers should also work to administer any EpiPen that is provided by the student.

As some schools in York Region have initiated an 'Allergen Free' policy, it is strongly recommended that school vehicle drivers who are required to enter a school **do not consume food or beverages while in the building**.