



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 9/18/2023

Item Title: Senate Bill 294- Unassigned X Action  
Respiratory Distress Medication Policy Information  
Discussion

## **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 294 allows access to unassigned respiratory distress medication by having Albuterol 0.083% via nebulizer at schools to respond to unanticipated episodes of respiratory distress. Asthma/Respiratory distress is a leading cause of school absence due to chronic illness, the unassigned respiratory distress medication policy may reduce the number of emergency calls and students being absent by better equipping schools to handle respiratory emergencies. The nursing staff will participate in an annual training of Asthma/Respiratory distress and will provide the campus designated staff with training. A competency skill check list will be completed annually. Medication will be reviewed monthly looking for expiration dates. In the event a medication has to be administered to a student the parent/guardian will be informed, a referral will be given to notify and follow up with the student's physician. Notification will also be given to school administration and Health Services. Any respiratory distress medication must be reported within 10 days to the Texas Health and Human services website. By adopting this policy Brownsville I.S.D. would be abiding by the guidelines of Senate Bill 294.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend for Brownsville I.S.D. to adopt Senate Bill 294 to allow access to unassigned respiratory distress medication and respond to anticipated episodes at each campus. Brownsville I.S.D. would be following the guidelines to Senate Bill 294.

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