



**ITEM 8**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee  
Kim Dumore

Re: **MOTION TO BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING 2023**

Date: January 18, 2023  
(Public Board Meeting)

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**Decision**

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**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

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Related Reports & Articles:

- **Coroner's Report** [BCCS Illicit Drug Toxicity Report to Oct 2022 - FINAL \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- **BC Curriculum PE** [Physical and Health Education Introduction | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to BCSTA AGM 2023:**

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# 18. Substance Education and Opioid Overdose Response in School Settings

## Category: Educational Programs

**Motion #:** 18 : A202318

**Meeting:** AGM 2023

**Sponsor:** Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

**Action:** *not specified*

**Category:**

**Outcome:**

- Added to Comprehensive School Health WG Terms of Reference (for Board Approval August 2023)
- Meeting with Minister Singh and Minister Whiteside on October 11, 2023
- Dec 2023 - Jan 2024: part of work of CSHWG, updated TOR to reflect focus on this motion

**Disposition:** Carried

### Motion as Adopted:

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**This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.**