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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – Diabetes Awareness**

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about diabetes awareness for school age children and available school resources

Did you know that almost 26 million children and adults suffer from diabetes in the United States?

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and a great time to educate everyone on this important topic and how to best support students who have diabetes.

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in school-aged children and is considered a disability under federal law.

Any school that receives federal funds must accommodate special healthcare needs for students with diabetes through what is called a 504 plan.

Children with diabetes must have full access to all activities, services, or benefits provided by public schools.

Additionally, a student with diabetes should also have an individualized health care plan prepared by a school nurse.

As parents, here are more important things to keep in mind regarding your child with diabetes:

- Know your child's specific health concerns.
- Review and familiarize yourself with your child's individualized health care plan for diabetes.
- Recognize the symptoms of low blood sugar and educate your child on appropriate treatments plans
- Know where your child's diabetic supplies and snacks are stored at the school.
- Help to make sure any adult supervising your child during off school events is aware of your child's condition and treatment plan
- Don't hesitate to contact your school nurse with questions about diabetes..

For more information, please contact the school district office at 541-469-7443 for more information and/or assistance with setting up a 504 plan for a student with diabetes.

Remember that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District