Diabetes In Massachusetts Schools
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Introduction
- 293,000 children get diagnosed with diabetes every year (1)
- Often school faculty and staff feel they are not adequately trained (2)
- Many school systems cannot afford full time nurses
- If a student goes into shock it is life-threatening

Problem Statement
- Diabetic students in Massachusetts, do not always have immediate access to insulin in emergencies

Project Goals
- Bring awareness to the issue
- Successfully advocate for a change in the laws
- Get the attention and support of Massachusetts Legislatures

Approach
- Advocate for a law that allows certified teachers the ability to administer insulin in the case of an emergency
  - Collaborate with local PTOs, local branches of ADA, and the JDRF.
- Create thought invoking social media campaign with partners.
  - Use new awareness to generate signatures for petition.

Predicted Results
- Raised awareness
- New legislation enacted regarding the administration of insulin in school
- Less diabetes related emergencies in schools

Conclusion and Recommendations
- Insulin administration needs adjustment
- Advocating is an effective way to pass legislation
- Law should be re-assessed each decade
- Social media campaigns reach a vast audience

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