

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 lifethreatening

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

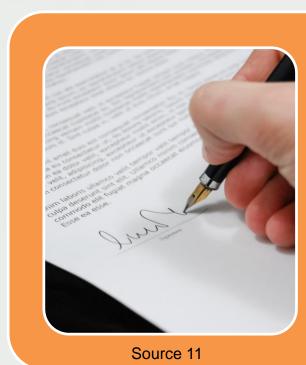
• Advocate for a law that allows certified teachers the ability to administer insulin in the case of an emergency



Collaborate with local PTOs, local branches of ADA, and the JDRF.

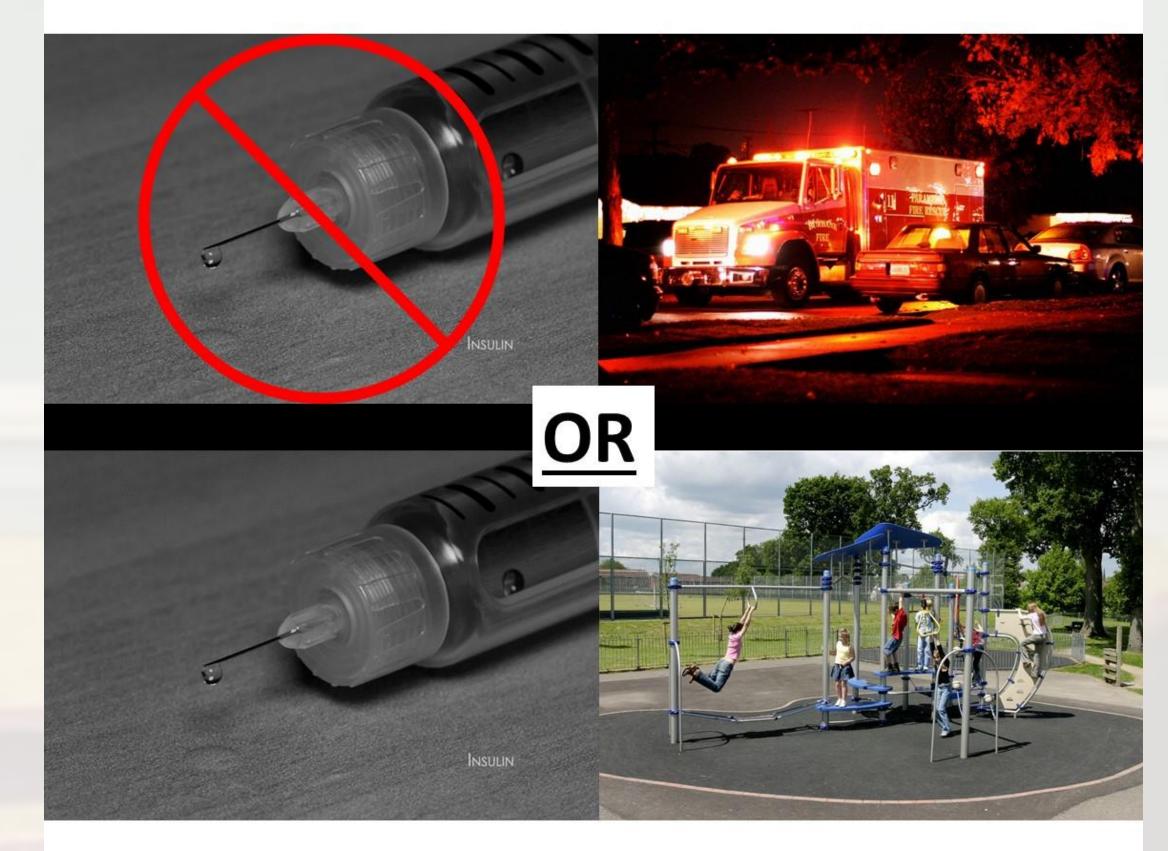


Create thought invoking social media campaign with partners.



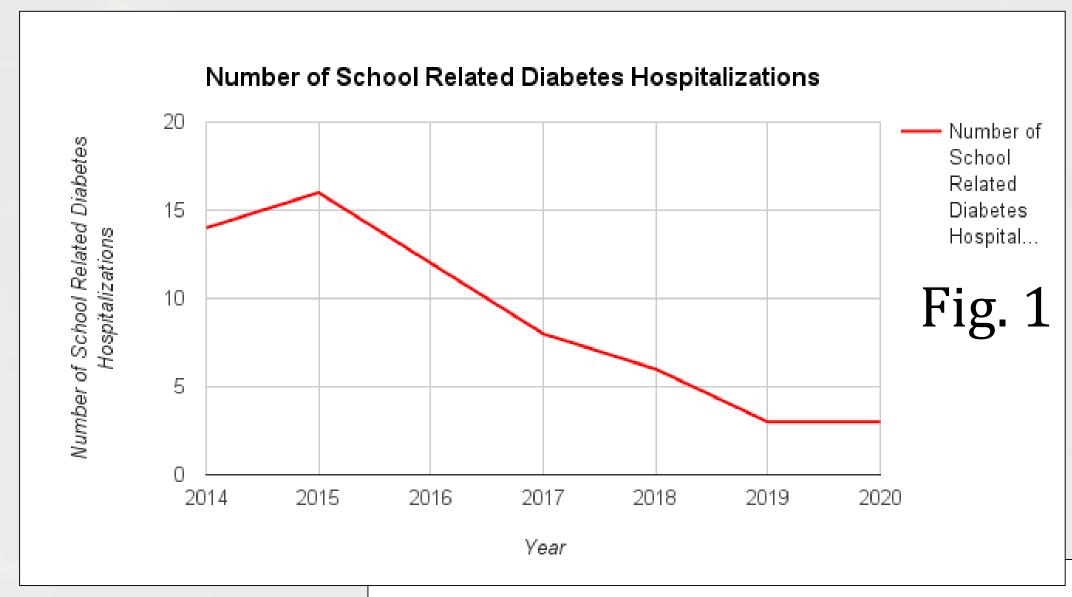
Use new awareness to generate signatures for petition.

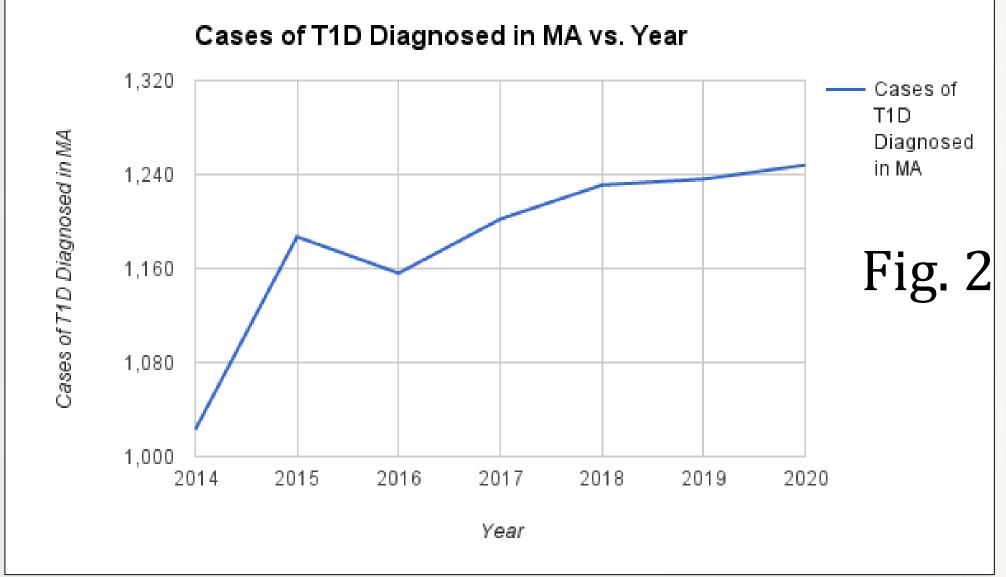
Is it really a question?



Support MA petition #3 so no child needs to suffer

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 reassessed each decade
- Social media campaigns reach a vast audience

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