

## **DEFIBRILLATORS**

### **Background**

The division recognizes the importance of AEDs and that our sites are used extensively by the public in addition to regular school use. The installation of automated external defibrillators (AED) within Division facilities is supported. The importance of taking appropriate action, wherever an emergency threatens the safety, health and welfare of a student, staff or community member and that as such the Division has made a decision to maintain AEDs on its premises, to be used in emergency situations by trained individuals. AEDs can be effective at improving survival from sudden cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillations when their use is incorporated into an emergency response system.

### **Definitions**

AED - Automated External Defibrillator, a device that delivers a therapeutic dose of electrical energy to the chest through electrical pads during a cardiac arrest.

### **Procedures**

1. The Division has authorized the placement and use of automated external defibrillators (AED) at Division facilities.
2. Any Division facility installing an AED must ensure the following
  - 2.1. AED is approved by Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
  - 2.2. Establishment of procedures for the monitoring and maintenance of the AED.
  - 2.3. Notification to the Emergency Response Communications Center (EMS Dispatch) of type and location of AED

Reference: *Education Act*, SA 2012, c E-0.3 ss.