

AED'S FOR ALL SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

All school buildings, athletic facilities and facilities where district employees work should have access to an AED.

In Philadelphia we have been training staff and students in CPR techniques and the use of an AED since 1998. The Pa.

Department of Education provided every school district with AED's in 2001. This was a great start, but in Philadelphia those 4 AED's were not enough.

The Philadelphia Trial Lawyers, Tenet Hospital, and CHOP have donated AED's to cover High Schools, Middle Schools, and athletic stadiums. We still need AED's in administrative offices, maintenance facilities, transportation garages and elementary schools.

The PIAA will not mandate AED's at all contests, they only recommend that an AED be available, This bill will ensure that an AED is present at all contests. When this bill becomes law all parents, grandparents, staff, and students will have a better chance of surviving a SCD.

In Philadelphia, the largest school district in the state, all coaches are required to be certified in CPR/AED. If we can do that then other school districts can do it too. AED's are less expensive than a Lap top computer, but School districts will not install these machines until there is a mandate from the state. You can be a hero just by passing this bill that would require all school facilities to have an AED, and school districts to provide training for employees.