**822. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)**

1. **Purpose**
   The Joint Operating Committee is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community. Maintaining an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the school enables trained responders to deliver early defibrillation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

2. **Authority**
   The automated external defibrillator (AED) unit is owned by the school and shall be properly maintained and located in a secure and accessible location.

   The automated external defibrillator (AED) unit shall be used in accordance with approved procedures.

3. **Guidelines**
   A core team shall be trained in CPR and AED procedures by completing a training program offered by approved providers. Members of the team shall be provided opportunities for annual training and retraining.

   Written guidelines for medical emergencies related to the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) shall be provided to all members of the core team.

   Responders’ use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) unit shall not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Patient care shall be transferred to the EMS providers upon their arrival.

4. **Delegation of Responsibility**
   The Administrative Director or designee shall develop and disseminate written guidelines for use of the automated external defibrillator (AED) system.

   The automated external defibrillator (AED) unit may be used by all members of the school’s core team who have successfully completed training and any trained volunteer who has a current course completion card.