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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Kimberley Harrington, Acting Chief Academic Officer
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SUBJECT: New Jersey P.L. 2014, c.36- CPR and AED instruction

On August 20, 2014, P.L. 2014, c.36 was signed into law requiring public school districts serving students in grades 9-12 to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillation (AED). This instruction must be provided prior to graduation as part of the implementation of the current 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. This law should not represent a new requirement for any high school district with a curriculum aligned to the 2009 NJCCCS for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. Boards of Education or Boards of Trustees may select a no-cost, non-certification instructional program to meet the requirement.

Below is a link to P.L. 2014, c.36 as well as a link to the 2014 NJCCCS in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/AL14/36_.PDF
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/PL14/36_.PDF
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2014/chpe/>

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