



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARDS TEN A.E.D. UNITS TO MEMBER SCHOOLS

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PIERRE – The South Dakota High School Activities Association Foundation is pleased to announce the distribution of ten free Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units to SDHSAA Member Schools this summer. Member schools were encouraged to apply, and the ten recipient schools were selected out of a pool of twenty nine requests based upon specific need or lack of access to such a life saving device.

The ten high schools selected by the Foundation include: Avon, Centerville, Clark, Deubrook Area, Kimball, Lemmon, Plankinton, Red Cloud, Sioux Valley and Waverly-South Shore. Each school will be provided not only with the AED, but also a carrying case, demonstration information, and equipment necessary to assist infants, children and adults should the need arise.

“With our facilities being spread among two communities, we felt that applying for and being granted an additional AED greatly adds to the safety of our fans, players, coaches and members of the public,” responded Paul Nepodal, Principal and Athletic Director of Deubrook Area High School. “Being granted this AED is a proactive step to ensure that our patrons, students and staff are taken care of in the event of an emergency. We thank the SDHSAA Foundation for selecting our school as one of the recipients of this gift.”

“Awarding these AEDs to our member schools is just a small example of the benefits that districts can look forward to in the future” stated Dr. Kelly Glodt, Pierre Superintendent and SDHSAA Foundation Board Member. “As the foundation grows, many more benefits will be realized. Methods to grow the foundation at a faster pace should be ongoing discussions for school districts and superintendents in the future.”

Equipment will be distributed to the schools yet this summer, with recognition at a home volleyball or football event taking place at later dates across the state.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association Foundation was established in 2007 and is a member of the South Dakota Community Foundation based in Pierre.

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