



Students Receive Life Saving Training

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Students enrolled in School District 53 (SD 53) will have access to Automated External Defibrillators (AED) thanks to donations from Interior Savings and the Osoyoos Credit Union.

Sandra Clarke Executive Director of the ACT Foundation says the AEDs are an extension of the CPR Program they already provide.

"By empowering young people through their school education we are ensuring that all young people graduate knowing how to preform CPR and also how to use a defibrillator that will more and more be available in public places."

Ten teachers and more than 200 students will receive the life saving training as Clarke explains.

"We asked the school to insert the training into a subject area grade level that will reach all students prior to graduation. They have chosen a grade level and they have committed that all students will receive the training prior to graduation."

Interior Savings Credit Union has donated \$9,966 and Osoyoos Credit Union \$1,780.

The ACT Foundation is the national charitable organization that is establishing CPR and defibrillator training programs in all Canadian high schools.

To date, the ACT High School CPR Program has been established in 220 public standard secondary schools throughout British Columbia and approximately 235,000 students have already been empowered to save lives with CPR.

School Distrcit 53 will receive the following:

3 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

8 AED training units; 8 AED training mannequins

10 teachers trained as CPR and AED instructors for their students

200 students will learn CPR and AED skills each year