

Pleasant Valley Secondary receives a life-saving donation

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A high school in Armstrong now has access to a life-saving AED, thanks to a donation from a local company.

Pam and Ron Llewellyn are employees of Pinnacle Renewable Energy in Armstrong.

They say they were watching the news and were stunned to hear that many high schools in the valley don't have access to an AED.



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Ron and Pam Llewellyn talk about how a local news story showing the lack of AED's in high schools inspired them to ask their company Pinnacle Renewable Energy to donate one to Pleasant Valley Secondary in Armstrong [#vernonbc](#)
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"We do this thing called DATS it's a safety rewards program through work, and we put it in an area where Jamie (Senior Plant Manager) found it, read our DATS and he just spearheaded it, and moved it forward," said Ron Llewellyn.

"We were suggesting all employees donate to come up with enough money to buy one, but Pinnacle bought it," he added.



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An Automatic External Defibrillator is a lightweight portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. It is used to help a patient undergoing cardiac arrest which occurs when the heart stops beating.

According to the ACT Foundation it's estimated that early defibrillation and CPR can increase a patient's chance of survival by 75 per cent.

Four other high schools in the district will also have access to AED's thanks to a \$6,000 donation from the ACT Foundation.

Pleasant Valley Secondary School has been training 100 grade 10 students for the past two years on how to use the device and an estimated 500 students are trained throughout the district every year.



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About 100 Grade 10 students get AED training every year at Pleasant Valley Secondary. Teacher Doug Brown says they have been offering AED training for 2 years at the school and CPR for 9 years . [#armstrongbc](#) [#vernonbc](#)

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The district says AED training will be taking place for the next two weeks at all SD83 Secondary schools.