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Dear Families,

As discussed at the January Board of Education meeting, New York State has enacted Desha's Law, which strengthens cardiac emergency preparedness and response requirements in schools.

Under Desha's Law, school districts are required to incorporate Cardiac Emergency Response Plans into their district-wide school safety plans and building-level emergency response plans. These plans establish procedures for responding to sudden cardiac arrest and other life-threatening cardiac emergencies, including appropriate emergency response procedures, access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), coordination with emergency medical services, and staff and student training.

As part of these updated requirements, annual school safety training for students and staff must now include information related to sudden cardiac arrest and cardiac emergency response. Our Physical Education teachers will be reviewing this with our students. Our goal is to provide students with this important safety information in a way that is informative, reassuring, and appropriate for their age.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us maintain a safe and prepared school community. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With Baldwin Pride,

Dr. Erica D. Banks (formerly Taylor)
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