

1 HB 1363- Cardiac Emergency Response Teams – by Dr. Jeff Fastnacht,
2 Superintendent, Bismarck Public School District.

3 I wish to provide support for HB 1363 and applaud the sponsors of this bill for taking
4 action to ensure proper response to a cardiac arrest in many of our community spaces
5 in and around schools.

6 BPS believes we are already in compliance with your requirements. At the present
7 time, each of our buildings or locations has at least one AED available. That is
8 expanded in our middle and high school locations, commonly used for events, where
9 you will find 3-8 AEDs, depending on the size. BPS already requires the
10 composition of a team and mandates annual training, which is accomplished via
11 online modules.

12 Our only concern would be the crafting of a “cardiac response plan.” Not that we do
13 not feel a plan is a good idea, but we would contend this plan or process should be
14 able to be part of each building's comprehensive “Emergency Response Plan”. I
15 assume that incorporating your proposed plan inside our Emergency Response Plan
16 would be satisfactory. My final clarification would be the required drill component.
17 Many of these drills outlined in this section are for all students and staff. Is that the
18 desire that I make all students engage in such a drill, or are you referring to the team?
19 If you are referring to the response team, you have my support.