

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my brief testimony today. As a volunteer for Simon's Heart, I am expressing strong support for HB 1363.

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death on school campuses across the United States. These cardiac events occur quickly and often without warning. With survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac events remaining alarmingly low nationwide, it is critical that people are prepared to respond effectively, giving our youth the best chance at survival.

In my opinion, having an emergency cardiac response plan in place is just as essential as having a fire extinguisher. The knowledge that would be given to staff and students through these implementations can be the difference between life and death. This bill has the sure potential to provide a safer environment for students at North Dakota schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.