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To: BOCES District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public Schools  
Principals of Public and Non-Public Schools  
Charter School Leaders

From: Mary Cahill

Pursuant to the provisions of Education Law §804-c and 804-d, where approved by local school boards, school districts may continue to offer comprehensive CPR certification instruction at their discretion. However, in cases where districts do not offer such a course, all high school students will be required to receive instruction in hands-only CPR and the use of AEDs.

The American Heart Association provides numerous resources to help districts implement hands-only CPR and AED instruction. These resources are available at <https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139>.

If you have any questions concerning hands-only instruction in CPR and AED in senior high school, please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction by email at [emscurric@nysed.gov](mailto:emscurric@nysed.gov) or by phone at 518-474-5922.