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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: September 8, 2006

SUBJECT: **2006 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES REGARDING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs), SUN-PROTECTIVE WEAR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND THE COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM**

The 2006 Legislature passed Senate Bill 772, making legislative changes relating to automated external defibrillators (AEDs), sun-protective wear, physical education and the Coordinated School Health Program.

Section 1006.165, Florida Statutes, was created to state that each public school that is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association must have an operational automated external defibrillator on the school grounds. It also requires that each school must ensure that all employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use the device obtain appropriate training, including completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a basic first aid course that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and demonstrated proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator. It further requires that the location of each automated external defibrillator must be registered with a local emergency medical services medical

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director. The use of automated external defibrillators by employees and volunteers is covered under sections 768.13 and 768.1325, Florida Statutes.

Section 1001.43, Florida Statutes, amended the Student Management section to allow students to wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours, such as when students are at recess.

Section 1003.453, Florida Statutes, was created to require each school district, by September 1, 2006, if they have not already done so, to submit a copy of its physical education policy to the Department of Education. Additionally, each district is required to post its physical education policy on its own district Web site and provide an online link to the Department of Education. Each school district shall annually review its physical education policy and provide a procedure for public input and revisions. All revised and updated copies of the policy must be sent to the Department of Education. By December 1, 2006, the Department of Education (DOE) shall post online links to each district's policy on the DOE Web site. DOE will post health and nutrition resources on the Web site. These resources will include:

- Classroom instruction on the benefits of exercise and healthful eating
- Classroom instruction on the health hazards of using tobacco and being exposed to tobacco smoke
- The eight components of a coordinated school health program, including health education, physical education, health services, and nutrition services
- The core measures for school health and wellness, such as the School Health Index
- Access for each student to the nutritional content of foods and beverages and to healthful food choices in accordance with the dietary guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture
- Multiple examples of school wellness policies for school districts
- Examples of wellness classes that provide nutrition education for teachers and school support staff, including encouragement to provide classes that are taught by a licensed nutrition professional from the school nutrition department.

Section 1003.453, Florida Statutes, also encourages school districts to provide training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, for all students, beginning in grade 6 and every 2 years thereafter. Private and public partnerships for providing training or necessary funding are encouraged.

Section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, is amended to encourage school districts to provide 150 minutes of physical education a week for students in grades K-5 and 225 minutes each week for students in grades 6- 8. A certified physical education instructor is required to review all physical education programs and curricula.

Section 381.0056, Florida Statutes, is amended to require that districts, at the beginning of each school year, provide parents and guardians with information on ways to help their children be physically active and eat healthy foods.

Section 381.0056, Florida Statutes, is amended to revise the membership of the school health advisory committee so that members represent the eight component areas of the coordinated school health model as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). School health advisory committees are encouraged to address the eight components of the

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Coordinated School Health model in the school district's school wellness policy pursuant to Section 1003.453, Florida Statutes. The Coordinated School Health model's eight component areas, as identified by the CDC, are Health Education, Physical Education, Health Services, Family/Community Involvement, Health Promotion for Staff, Healthy School Environment, Nutrition Services and Counseling, and Psychological and Social Services.

Department staff are developing technical assistance materials and training workshops to provide additional guidance for implementing this legislation. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Coordinated School Health Program at 850-245-0480.

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