

## **JANUARY 2026 - FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE:**

Happy 2026! Our office has been busy with calendar year financial items that happen in January. Cindy has been busy with finalizing W-2 information and getting the documents out to our staff. Jenny has been assisting me with 1099 information and getting those documents out to our vendors. Bonnie has been busy with our monthly Food Service submissions along with making sure that our MARSS (student count) numbers are uploaded before each of the submission dates, and Barb has been spending her time navigating the new implementation of Paid Family Medical Leave and all of the reporting that goes along with that.

January also is the start of a new benefit plan year. The team works together to make sure that all of our staff that qualify for benefits are accurately reported and everyone has the appropriate benefits that they have elected to receive. We work together to make sure our billing statements are accurate and everyone is once again covered for the next calendar year.

LPGE also received notice that we were awarded the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Assistance Grant, a competitive grant to assist with improving our needs for Automated External Defibrillators (AED) equipment and training. Melissa Meagher, Kelsey Paurus, Mr. Ludvigson and I worked together and were awarded \$23,168.15 to use for a Zoll AED 3 Unit, an All Weather AED enclosure and an AED Cabinet. These weather proof cases will be located on various athletic fields. The money will also be used for more travel AED's for events that are held off-site where an AED might not be accessible.

Ms. Meagher has received follow-up information regarding implementation and requirements:

"I found out that it is not required to have everyone certified; just trained in hands-only CPR. Project Adam will come and provide that training, but not certification training, which is still recommended for our response team (RED Team). So, I think my plan is to still complete certifications for the RED Team and then have the rest (coaches, etc.) trained with the Project Adam training that meets the CERP requirements. That should also save on cost for this and hours of training time for coaches. We do need to have a yearly mock emergency response event with the lady from Project Adam, and I hope we can plan that for in-service week."

To assist with the CPR training, the grant will allow us to purchase two Adult/Peds Manikins, an AED Practi-trainer, 10 Infant Manikins, two Practi-Mats, one Practi-Lungs and one infant Practi-Lungs. If you are interested in any details, please reach out to Melissa Meagher with your questions.

As always, please call or stop in if you have any questions for me or any of the other folks in the District Office. We enjoy your visits.

*Sherri Evenson*