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L'Anse Creuse Trains PE Teachers to Save Lives

CLINTON TWP, Mich. – L'Anse Creuse Public Schools is committed to training staff to be prepared for a wide range of possible scenarios. As of 2019, L'Anse Creuse Physical Education teachers in particular are required to earn a certification in first-aid and CPR – a skill that is already saving lives.

Christopher Zoller, a PE teacher at Green Elementary School, recently utilized his L'Anse Creuse CPR and AED training to assist in saving the life of a fellow gym member. After finishing a workout at his local gym, Zoller came across a guest lying face down on the gym's basketball court. Zoller and the gym manager began life-saving aid, with the gym manager performing CPR while Zoller set up the AED. Thanks to their efforts, the individual is alive and well today.

Zoller has been through the training multiple times, but the requirement itself didn't become commonplace until five years ago. The initiative was sparked to ensure that every building has at least one staff member who can perform life-saving aid. Physical education teachers were chosen to be the required personnel, as every school has one and injuries are more prevalent when students are physically active.

On Tuesday, December 12, Christopher Zoller was recognized by the American Heart Association for saving a life, and on Friday, December 15, he was recognized for his actions during the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Board of Education meeting.

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