

## Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) – Summary

### 1. AED Availability at BHA

- AEDs are located at **both the Main and ECE Campuses**.
- **Staff members** at each campus are certified in **CPR and AED use**.

### 2. What is an AED?

- An AED is a **portable device** used in cases of **sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)**.
- It analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if needed, prompts the user to deliver a **defibrillation shock**.
- Once powered on, the device gives **step-by-step voice and/or visual instructions** to guide the user.

### 3. Importance of AEDs

- **Time to defibrillation** is the **most critical factor** in surviving SCA.
- Having AEDs **on-site** significantly improves the chance of survival by enabling a **quick response**.
- Communities with active AED programs have **higher survival rates**.

### 4. BHA's Goal

- To **improve survival rates** from sudden cardiac arrest through accessible AEDs and trained staff.