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WHS Nurse Certifies Hundreds in CPR/First Aid Technique

Feb 19, 2019 – In fall 2017 School District 145 Foundation for Education invested \$2,000 to certify Waverly High School Nurse, Mrs. Joslynne Stauss, as a CPR/First Aid/AED/Bloodborne Pathogens Instructor and purchase all equipment necessary for her to teach. Mrs. Stauss hasn't looked back.

Before Foundation funding, School District 145 was out-sourcing required CPR/AED/First Aid Certification at a cost of \$55 per teacher/paraprofessional/coach/sponsor. The Foundation was doing the same to certify Viking Discovery Program employees within their care program. Because of the Foundation's \$2,000 investment to certify Mrs. Stauss as an in-house instructor and purchase necessary training materials, certification now costs \$10 per person (the price of cards/books) and education has improved to include Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

To-date, Mrs. Stauss has certified 43 School District 145 staff members, 35 School District 145 coaches and sponsors, and 14 Viking Discovery Program employees at a total savings of \$4,140.

In addition, CPR/AED/First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens Certification is now built in to WHS Freshman curriculum. During the 2017-18 School-year, Mrs. Stauss certified 87 WHS students. This school-year to-date, she has certified 41 students, with the potential to certify 81 more this spring semester. These new certifications for young citizens in our communities are a result of partnership between School District 145 and its Foundation for Education, and the dedication of one fantastic nurse committed to educating her community.

If you'd like to get involved or want more information about how the School District 145 Foundation for Education helps our public-school students every day, contact Foundation Executive Director, Sara Martin, by e-mailing executivedirector@dist145ffe.org or calling 402-786-2321, ext 8.

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