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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

On July 26, 2012, Governor Beverly Perdue signed House Bill 837, making CPR a graduation requirement, beginning in the 2014-15 school year. In Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, CPR instruction is routinely taught in 8th grade Health and in the high school Life Management Skills course, which is typically a freshman course.

The school system has run an exhaustive search to identify any student who does not have a passing score for CPR in their permanent records. Based on the information from those searches, your child was identified and needs to attend make-up CPR training that will fulfill the graduation requirement. Make-up training will take place at your child's school in a session taught by Health and Physical Education teachers, trainers, and/or trained hospital staff. The state's requirement is "hands-only" CPR and, upon completion, permanent school system records will indicate that your child has successfully met the CPR proficiency requirement for graduation. Your child will not be certified in CPR.

If your child is or has previously been CPR certified, they may take their CPR card to the guidance department or Health/PE department leader to receive credit for the CPR proficiency requirement for graduation, even if their CPR certification is currently expired. This should be completed as soon as possible.

Please help us impress upon your child how important it is that he or she attends the make-up training when it is offered at his or her school. If, for any reason, there are situations or circumstances which make it difficult or impossible to demonstrate the necessary skills for CPR Proficiency, the teacher or trainer will offer modifications for the skills test.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the CPR legislation or the state or district's expectations or procedures, please feel free to contact me at sdharmon@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or 336-748-4000 ext. 34218.

Sincerely,

Sara Harmon

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