



April 15, 2024

To: Chair Mary Kunesh & Members of the Senate Education Finance Committee
Fr: Tyler Williams, Minnesota Vikings – Vice President of Player Health and Performance
Re: Requiring Cardiac Emergency Response Plans in High Schools

Thank you for including funding and language for the Cardiac Emergency Response Plans in the Omnibus Education Finance Bill (SF 5252). The Minnesota Vikings are pleased to support this legislation which would require high schools and charter schools in Minnesota to have cardiac emergency response plans. I serve as the Minnesota Vikings Vice President of Player Health and Performance and I understand how important this measure is for the health and safety of all Minnesota students who participate in high school athletics.

As we have seen in recent professional sporting events, sudden cardiac emergencies can occur at any moment, and the most critical component of care is the preparedness to act. For example, the Minnesota Vikings have taken the initiative to be proactive and provide annual first aid, CPR, and AED training to our coaching staff. We would encourage the State of Minnesota to take this same proactive approach by passing this language to implement these cardiac emergency response plans at high school athletic competitions.

Thank you to the American Heart Association, the Smart Heart Sports Coalition and other organizations in Minnesota who are supporting this important legislation.

Thank you.