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## **Governor Signs Sen. Petrowski's Lifesaving CPR Bill**

**MADISON, WI...** Today, Governor Scott Walker signed Assembly Bill 545, authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski (*R-Marathon*) and Representative John Spiros (*R-Marshfield*). The bill passed with broad bi-partisan support in both houses and will ensure that more individuals will be trained in CPR than ever before.

“Last year, a constituent of mine suffered a massive heart attack while riding his bike,” said Senator Petrowski. “Without the quick thinking and action of three CPR-trained teenagers who happened to be nearby, he would not have survived. This incident really showed me the importance of this legislation and prompted me to author this bill.”

AB 545 requires schools to ensure that instruction in CPR and external defibrillators is provided to students in any health course offered to pupils during grades 7-12. The training can be completed in roughly 30 minutes and does not require schools to implement any new health education courses that they are not already providing. Similar legislation has already been passed in 27 other states.

“This legislation will ensure that our youths are receiving lifesaving, hands-on CPR training as part of their health education,” said Senator Petrowski. “With training that can be accomplished in one class period, we will be putting thousands more individuals on the streets and in homes that have the knowledge necessary to potentially save a life. I have no doubt that the implementation of these small changes in schools will result in lives saved.”

The Governor signed the bill at Wausau West High School in Wausau.

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