



SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Richard Powell

FROM: Dr. Wilson S. Smith, Principal *Wilson Smith*

DATE: March 26, 2001

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On Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at approximately 1:00 p.m., I heard Mr. Broderick Williams, Assistant Principal announce over the walkie-talkies that there was a problem in the pool. I immediately left my office and went to the pool. Upon arriving I saw Ms. Bobbi Fisher, our Physical Education Instructor, applying CPR procedures on a male student, Benjamin Henderson, at the side of the pool. Mr. Willie Bradley, Technology Education teacher was kneeling down assisting her. as Ms. Fisher applied CPR, I could see Benjamin's stomach and chest area go up and down and I heard a gurgling sound. Within seconds members of the Fire Rescue unit and other emergency personnel entered the pool and applied their procedures. I immediately informed my administrative staff to implement our crisis plan which included informing all appropriate people (e.g., parents, central office personnel, counselors, etc.) and managing the student body.

The Fire Rescue Squad applied procedures and then transported Benjamin Henderson to Covenant-Cooper Hospital. I then left the pool and returned to the main building to continue managing our crisis procedures.



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Fatal Drowning Investigation  
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Saginaw High School  
Investigator: Ken Aacher

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