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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Brevard Public Schools recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Who We Play For (WWPF), an organization committed to early identification of cardiac conditions in student athletes. As partners, we recognize electrocardiograms (ECG) help identify athletes who may be at risk for sudden cardiac death, a condition where death results from an abrupt loss of heart function. An ECG may also assist with diagnosing several different heart conditions that could contribute to sudden cardiac death.

Brevard Public Schools is in the process of creating a policy mandating ECG testing for all our student athletes. This process has several defined steps and gives multiple opportunities for community discussion and input. Our anticipated timeline will be to hold a Board Workshop in July, a Board Work Session in August, and to present a policy to the Board for approval in September. This means mandatory ECG Testing will be required for all Winter sports.

Prior to policy revision, however, Brevard Public Schools will be adding an ECG Consent/Opt Out Form to all 2019-2020 athletic packets. All student athletes in grades 7 – 12, who plan on participating in Fall sports, will need a completed ECG Consent/Opt Out Form. The ECG Consent/Opt-Out Form either gives WWPF permission to administer an ECG at one of several dates already established around the county or allows parents/guardians to decline and ‘opt out’ of testing. Regardless of which decision parents/guardians make related to ECG testing, the ECG Consent/Opt Out Form is required for athletic participating for the 2019/20 school year.

As Brevard Public Schools is moving toward mandating not just ECG Consent/Opt Out Form, but the ECG testing itself, we want to highly encourage parents/guardians to take advantage of our currently scheduled ECG Testing. Students will be able to have the ECG done at the dates and times listed at a cost of \$20. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch status, they are eligible for a free screening through Who We Play For.

If a student’s screening comes back as needing “follow-up” or with a “high risk” designation, they will not be allowed to participate in athletics until he/she receives a medical release indicating that the student followed up with a physician and the physician has released them to fully participate in athletics.

If parents/guardians have a previously completed ECG or would like their child to have an ECG completed by their personal physician, documentation should be included as part of the required physical forms.

ECG Heart Screenings will be offered at the following locations on the dates and times listed:

Date	Location	Address	Times
6/1/19	3D Sports Medicine	141 Coconut Dr., Indialantic (321-610-8939)	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6/6/19	Edgewood Jr/Sr High School	180 E. Merritt Ave., Merritt Island	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
6/7/19	Viera High School	6103 Stadium Pkwy., Viera	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6/11/19	Rockledge High School	220 Raider Rd., Rockledge	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
6/12/19	Titusville High School	150 Terrier Trail South, Titusville	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
6/12/19	Palm Bay Magnet High School	101 Pirate Ln., Melbourne	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6/12/19	Merritt Island High School	100 East Mustang Way, Merritt Island	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
7/27/19	Parrish Healthcare Center	5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2100, Port St. John, (321-433-2247)	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM