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Dear Parent/Guardian.

Your team or sports organization is currently implementing an innovative program for evaluating and treating head injuries (e.g., concussion). In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, your team or sports organization has partnered with your local healthcare organization and the Wisconsin Sports Concussion Collaborative (WSCC) to acquire a software tool called ImPACTTM (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). Headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, ImPACTTM is a leader in computerized neurocognotive assessment tools and services. ImPACTTM has created an international network of clients who utilize the company's proprietary concussion management program. Neurocognitive tests such as ImPACTTM are fast becoming the "gold standard" in recognizing and managing head injuries. Additional information about ImPACTTM can be found at www.impacttest.com. Additional information about WSCC can be found at WIsportsconcussion.org.

Your team or sports organization is asking student athletes to take the computerized exam before beginning contact sport practice or competition. This test is set up in "video-game" type format and takes about 20-25 minutes to complete. The ImPACTTM test is a pre-season physical of the brain. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration, but it is not an IQ test. The ImPACTTM test is non-invasive and poses no risks to your child.

If your child suffers a head injury and a concussion is suspected, your child will be referred to a physician or clinician for evaluation. The physician or clinician will be affiliated with a health care organization that is a member of the WSCC. When possible, you will have the opportunity to choose the health care organization from a list of current WSCC members. The physician or clinician may recommend that your child take the post-injury ImPACTTM test. The health care organization will maintain your child's pre-season and post-injury test data, if any, on a secure server maintained by ImPACTTM. Your child's test data will only be available to that health care organization, except as described below. If your child suffers a head injury, you will be contacted with additional details about how to proceed.

Your child's test data may be made available to persons other than the physician or clinician evaluating your child, as follows:

- The physician or clinician evaluating your child may choose to make your child's test data available to other health care providers who are being consulted regarding the treatment of your child.
- Your child's test data may also be utilized by WSCC to treat other athletes with similar head injuries or in studies conducted by WSCC on head injuries. However, the identity of your child will not be disclosed to WSCC if the test results are used for these purposes.
- Your child's test data may also be made available to individuals authorized by WSCC in order to maintain and administer the WSCC program.

Your child's health and safety are at the forefront of the student athletic experience, and we are excited to implement this program.

If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact the provider testing your child.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Sports Concussion Collaborative

PERMISSION SLIP

For use of the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACTTM)

I have read and understood the above information and give permission for my son/daughter to take the ImPACTTM Baseline Concussion Test.

Printed Name of Athlete	
Signature of Athlete	Date
Signature of Parent	Date