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Hello!

Did you get a chance to read the Superintendent's Monthly Update last weekend? You can find it here: <https://5il.co/10vxy>. In that letter you read that our start date for offering SHIELD-IL testing is approaching. BRHS students will begin on Tuesday, November 2, followed by BRIJHS students on Wednesday, November 3, and Schneider Elementary students on Thursday, November 4. Testing will be conducted in each building beginning at 9:30 a.m. for each student who has signed parental consent on file. The established testing day will stay the same for each building moving forward.

How can you check to see if your child has consent on file? I'm glad you asked. You can see whether you have SHIELD consent reflected for your student in Qmlativ (Skyward). After you log in to Qmlativ, click on the green menu button (three lines) in the top left corner. Choose "Health" from the dropdown menu. Under Features, choose "Shield Consent." If you selected yes to SHIELD-IL testing, you will see a checkmark for your student and a date. If you selected "no" for SHIELD-IL testing, there is no checkmark present in the checkbox.

As a reminder, the consent for SHIELD is similar to an 'all or nothing' consent. This means that if you give consent, your student will be screened weekly on the established day of the week, they will have access to diagnostic testing if symptomatic, and they could have access to the Test to Stay protocol if found eligible through consultation with the school nurse. Without consent for weekly screening, the additional services will not be available.

If you would like to give consent for your student to participate and you haven't already done so, you can complete the consent form <https://5il.co/xadn> and return it to your respective school nurse, Sandy Kline (snurse@blueridge18.org) or Dawn Stout (dstout@blueridge18.org). We can work with SHIELD to make the change, but we cannot guarantee that your student will be able to access SHIELD by the first week of testing. To withdraw consent, please provide your respective school nurse with your request in writing.

The process is something that none of us have experienced, so we greatly appreciate your ongoing patience as we work through the logistics. Additional information about how to access results will be shared with you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hillary Stanifer

Dr. Hillary Stanifer, Superintendent

Mr. Brian Easter, BRHS Principal Mrs. Mary Diener, BRHS Interim Assistant Principal
Mrs. Katie Nichols, BRIJHS Principal Mr. Ryan Peyton, Ruth M. Schneider Elementary Principal

