

# JOHNSON-BROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Over the past several months, the Johnson-Brock teachers, administrators, and school board have been discussing the implementation of a random-drug testing policy for grades 9-12 for any student who participates in an extra-curricular activity. While no final decisions have been made at this time, discussions have been held to implement a policy beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

Unfortunately, schools in the state of Nebraska have seen an increase in the number of students who are partaking in unsafe behaviors through the use of illegal substances such as drugs, alcohol, and nicotine. Johnson-Brock is not immune to this behavior and school policies have always been in place to discourage substance use and abuse. Recently, more and more schools have put policies in place that limit the participation of extracurricular activities and events for students who choose to use these substances.

Extensive research has been conducted by school administration on the random drug testing policies of other schools across the state, schools our size, and schools close to our location. The school attorney has also provided information on potential policies that the board of education could implement. Johnson-Brock teachers, sponsors, and coaches have also met to determine appropriate consequences if a student were to test positive for these substances. On the school website, the proposed board policy has been posted.

I encourage you to contact Johnson-Brock administrators (Jeff Koehler-Superintendent, Lucas Dalinghaus-Principal, or Landonn Mackey-Activities Director) and/or school board members if you have any questions and/or concerns about the proposed policy. A first read of the policy was approved at the November board of education meeting. Two other readings must be approved before the final policy is in effect. Again, this policy would be implemented at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year if it reaches final approval.

Sincerely,

Lucus Dalinghaus