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Dear BRIJHS and BRHS families,

I am writing to inform you of a change to Board Policy 7:242 Drug Testing. Urine testing is a rapid test and will remain our primary form of testing. Traditionally, when a student is unable to provide a urine sample, the student has remained in the office for up to two hours in an attempt to complete the drug testing. The revised policy will allow us to offer a saliva test when a urine sample cannot be produced. The saliva test is not a rapid test, but it will allow the student to return to the instructional setting in a timely manner.

In regards to the number of students signed up for the drug testing program, it has come to our attention that we have significantly fewer students signed up this year. We believe that might be due to the uncertainty of our athletic and extra-curricular programming for this year. As stated in the drug testing policy, students who are not signed up for random drug testing by the fall deadline will incur the cost for the initial testing if they decide at a later date to join an extra-curricular activity.

Due to the uncertainties that have been present this year, we are offering to extend the fall deadline for this year only. If you would like to sign your student up for random drug testing, you may do so by printing the final page of the policy, completing the required signatures, and returning the consent page to the respective school office. Consent forms will be accepted through October 16, 2020. Any students signing up after the October 16, 2020 deadline will be required to test and the cost of the test will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

The drug testing policy can be found here: <https://5il.co/lqiq>

Respectfully,

Dr. Hillary Stanifer



Dr. Hillary Stanifer, Superintendent  
Mrs. Lois Dowling, Interim Director of Student Services, Mrs. Mary Diener, Interim BRHS Principal  
Mrs. Katie Nichols, BRIJHS Principal  
Mr. Ryan Peyton, Ruth M. Schneider Elementary Principal