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Parent or Guardian of a grade 7-12 Maumee City Schools Student,

As you are probably aware, the Maumee City Schools will be implementing a Random Drug Testing Policy in the 17-18 school year. The purpose of this letter is to maintain open lines of communication with parents about this process as it moves toward implementation.

The purpose of the Maumee City Schools drug testing policy is to provide students a reason to say "no" to drugs and alcohol. It is built around the principles of prevention, intervention and treatment. Our goal is to encourage students to stay away from drugs and/or alcohol and to provide intervention and treatment for those who have already started. Per the policy:

"The drug testing policy is designed to:

- A. Provide a healthy and safe environment to all students.
- B. Discourage all students from using drugs and alcohol.
- C. Encourage students to assume responsibility for regulating their personal lives in ways that will result in their becoming healthful members of a team or activity and worthy representatives of the school and community.
- D. Provide the school and students with positive guidelines and disciplinary policies for violations of the drug free policy.
- E. Encourage those students who participate in athletic programs and extracurricular activities to remain drug and alcohol free."

The scope of application, in short, is limited to those students who participate in athletic programs, extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities that have a competition aspect, voluntary opt-in participants, as well as those who apply for or hold a parking permit at Maumee High School.

As part of the online back-to-school form parents will complete this summer, parents will be presented with an "informed consent" form. With this form, parents can (a) consent for their student to be part of the random drug testing pool - allowing them to participate in any athletic program, and/or selected competitive extracurricular or co-curricular programs, or apply for a parking permit, (b) opt their student into the random drug testing pool regardless of activity participation, or (c) not sign the form to consent for their student to be part of the random drug testing pool with the understanding that this will result in the student not being able to participate in any athletic program, and/or selected competitive extracurricular or co-curricular programs, or apply for a parking permit.

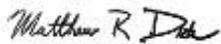
Starting in the fall, students will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible students by the testing company. Those students will be processed by the screening company here in our schools. If the results of the test come back "non-negative," the testing company will contact the parents and ask for additional information related to medications or other factors that might have contributed to a non-negative result. If the result is "positive" as verified by the company's certified laboratory, the parent and a school official will be contacted. There are no academic consequences for a positive result, but there are consequences as outlined in the

Athletic/Extracurricular/C-curricular Activity Code of Conduct. The student will immediately be referred to an intervention/treatment program.

Students also have the option to self-refer. According to policy:

“A student participant may self-refer one (1) time during their four-year tenure at Maumee High School. A student participant can only self-refer BEFORE the test is taken, or before information is brought to the administration that could lead to a code of conduct violation. The student will also be required to participate in an Alcohol and Drug Education/Intervention Program beginning with an assessment from a certified chemical dependency counselor; then following the counselor’s recommendations plus future drug testing are required. No other punitive action is taken upon the student’s referral. If another violation occurs, the next offense goes to level 2.”

The welfare, safety, and education of the students of the Maumee City Schools remains our core mission. We will always look for ways to encourage our students to lead healthy and productive lives. If our efforts save only one life or give one student an excuse to say “no” then we will deem the program a success.



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