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Dear Middle or High School Parent/Guardian,

We care about your student. We care for their academic development as well as for their safety and well-being. Because we care, we are implementing a program to help our students avoid the danger (to themselves and others) of drug use. We require all students in grades six through twelve who choose to participate in any of our clubs, organizations, sports, or other extracurricular activities to sign a pledge. This pledge states the student will refrain from the use of any drugs, including nicotine, and will submit to random drug testing. To indicate their support of the student and of the program, we also require the student's parent/guardian to sign the pledge form. Both signatures are required allow their student to participate.

Your student's principal is scheduling a meeting now to review with you and your student our pledge program and random drug testing procedure; you should receive information directly from them about the date, time and location of that meeting. We urge you to attend that meeting with your student.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, we still need you to become familiar with the policy as it impacts your student's ability to participate in our school club, sport, organization, or extracurricular activity. You can review this policy by clicking on the following link and then scrolling down to pages 63-73 for policies JFC-R2 and form JFC-R3: <https://mcpsweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Section-J-Students022719.pdf>

Each student who is in a club or organization or who participates in sports or other extracurricular activity must have a completed form (signed by the student and parent/guardian) to the school by Friday, April 12th. If the principal does not have this form on file, the student will be unable to participate in their club, sport, organization, or extracurricular activity when they return to school on Monday, April 22nd.

Thank you for your understanding and for your support of our efforts to keep students off of drugs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul C. Nichols".

Paul Nichols, Superintendent