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Dear Parents,

The following is information pertaining to the upcoming University Interscholastic League Anabolic Steroid Testing Program. Mandated by Senate Bill 8, passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, this statewide random testing program will affect student-athletes in grades 9-12, regardless of sport, gender or participation level.

The UIL has been directed to test a statistically significant number of student-athletes in grades 9-12 at approximately 30% of UIL member high schools. The selection process of schools and student-athletes will be random, and approximately 40,000-50,000 student athletes will be tested for anabolic steroids between this spring and the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Each school district will provide a database of its student athletes to the UIL. The testing vendor will then randomly select schools and athletes. Selected schools will be notified and a testing team will be sent to the school to conduct these confidential tests.

The testing vendor is **The National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc.** and is the premier provider of drug-testing programs in sports. Drug Free Sport administers comprehensive drug-testing programs, manages national and international collections, develops drug-testing policies and provides educational services to a wide range of clients in sports. Drug Free Sport is the only full-service third-party drug-testing administrator that focuses exclusively on sports. Current clients include the NCAA, the PGA Tour, the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA), the Florida High School Athletic Association and more than 200 colleges and institutions nationwide. For more information on Drug Free Sport please visit www.drugfreesport.com.

In the event of a positive test, the UIL has established the following consequences.

- 1st offense – 30 day in season suspension (a negative test is required for eligibility to be restored)
- 2nd positive test – 1 calendar year suspension (a negative test is required for eligibility to be restored)
- 3rd positive test - Suspension lasting the remainder of the student's high school career

Details on the testing program including testing protocols, medical exemptions, appeals for positive tests and a Q & A section are available on the Keller ISD website www.kellerisd.net and the UIL website www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics

Sincerely,

Bob DeJonge