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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that Louisville Public Schools has adopted a random drug testing policy that will be implemented for high school students beginning the 2018-2019 school year. The policy will be in place for all students involved with non-academic, school sponsored extracurricular activities.

The concept and proper implementation random drug testing at Louisville High School has been researched since March of 2017. The number of Nebraska high schools implementing random drug testing continues to grow each year. In 2017-2018, 45 Nebraska high schools conducted random drug testing. In 2018-2019, additional Nebraska high schools will be implementing a random drug testing policy.

Why is LHS implementing random drug testing?

- Louisville Schools continues to put the safety of our students first. The school district recognizes that students who use illegal and prohibited drugs pose a threat to the health and safety of themselves, other students, teachers, administrators, and other persons.
- The school district seeks to provide a safe, drug-free school.
- The school district recognizes that the observed and suspected use and abuse of drugs and alcohol has increased in throughout the state, including students participating in extracurricular activities.
- Louisville Schools looks to deter the use of alcohol, illegal and prohibited drugs among students.
- The school district finds that any use of alcohol or drugs among the student body will be effectively addressed by making sure that the large number of students participating in extracurricular activities do not use drugs and alcohol.
- **We want to keep our students safe and believe the policy will give our students another reason to say "no" when confronted with negative peer pressure.**

As the 2018-2019 school year approaches, we will continue to keep you updated on the policy as well as the steps that need to be taken by both you and your son/daughter. Our goal is to be as transparent as possible as we transition into this new policy. As a district, we will continue to put the safety and well-being of our students at the forefront. The new policy can be found at www.lpslions.org as well as on the board of education page, in the policies section under "Stand Alone Policies On Site."

Sincerely,

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