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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Great Valley High School is currently implementing an innovative program for our student-athletes. This program will assist our team physicians/athletic trainers in evaluating and treating head injuries (e.g., concussion). In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, we have acquired a software tool called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam utilized in many professional, collegiate, and high school sports programs across the country to successfully diagnose and manage concussions. If an athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition, ImPACT information can be used by medical personnel to help determine the severity of head injury and when the injury has fully healed.

The program works as follows:

1. Athletes take the computerized exam before beginning contact sport practice or competition. This non-invasive test is like a “video-game” and takes about 15-20 minutes for students to complete. Many athletes enjoy the challenge of taking the test. Essentially, the ImPACT test is a preseason physical of the brain. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration. It, however, is not an IQ test. NOTE: Only the Athletic Director and Trainer have access to student results.
2. If a concussion is suspected, the athlete will be required to re-take the test. Both the preseason and post-injury test data is given to the treating physician to help evaluate the injury. The information gathered can also be shared with your family doctor. The test data will enable these health professionals to determine when return-to-play is appropriate and safe for the injured athlete. If an injury of this nature occurs to your child, you will be promptly contacted with all the details.

I wish to stress that the ImPACT testing procedures are non-invasive, and they pose no risks to your child. We are excited to implement this program given that it provides us the best available information for managing concussions and preventing potential brain damage that can occur with multiple concussions. The Great Valley High School administration, coaching, and athletic training staffs are striving to keep your child's health and safety at the forefront of the student athletic experience. Please return the attached page with the appropriate signatures. If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me at 610-889-1920 or Head Athletic Trainer Keith Johnson at 610-889-1947.

Sincerely,

*Russell Wren*

Russell R. Wren  
Director of Athletics  
Great Valley School District



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## Consent Form

For use of the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)

I have read the attached information. I understand its contents. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in the ImPACT Concussion Management Program.

**Printed Name of Athlete** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sport** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Athlete

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Date

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Signature of Parent

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Date