

MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040

May, 2012

Re: Voluntary Participation Student Accident/Health Insurance 2012 – 2013 Interscholastic Sports

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District <u>does not</u> carry medical or dental insurance for your child should s/he suffer a school-related injury. Coverage for your child can be provided by your family's private health insurance, no-cost or low-cost government programs, or student accident/health/dental insurance purchased voluntarily through school programs. Pursuant to State law, <u>District policy requires any student who participates in interscholastic sports to have accidental injury insurance</u>. "Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that <u>all members of school athletic teams</u> have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses. Some pupils may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling 1-888-747-1222 (toll free)." (Education Code Section 32221.5)

Our district participates in a voluntary student health/accident/dental insurance program that gives you a number of coverage options for your child. These plans can be used as your child's only form of coverage or in combination with other coverage s/he may have. **Details and an enrollment form are in a brochure that will be available in late May.**

You can limit coverage to school-related injuries only or opt for 24/7 protection. The Student Health Care plan is recommended if your child has no other health insurance. While you can always use any doctor or hospital, the Student Health Care plan includes access to an extensive network of doctors and hospitals who have agreed to discount their charges. Seeking care through contracted providers may reduce your out-of-pocket costs, particularly if your child needs surgery or hospitalization. To find the contracted medical providers nearest you, call 800-877-1666 or log on to www.beechstreet.com. Your child is eligible for enrollment in any of these programs at any time.

If you have any questions, please call the plan administrator, Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc. at (800) 827-4695 or (949) 348-0656. Bilingual representatives are available for parents who need assistance in Spanish. If you choose to purchase coverage, just fill out the application in the brochure and return it to Myers-Stevens in the envelope provided. Be sure to keep the brochure for plan information and claims procedures.

Sincerely,

Keith Moody Principal, Mountain View High School