

KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: All Keystone Junior-Senior High School Students and Their Parents

FROM: Mr. Brad Wagner, Principal
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DATE: October 31, 2016

SUBJECT: *Language in Doctor's Excuses*

We have recently had a number of incidents in which students produced doctor's excuses indicating the following:

"Please excuse the above patient from [activity] due to illness/injury."

On at least two of those occasions the illness/injury diagnoses were later identified as concussions. All students should receive academic accommodations and complete a concussion protocol when diagnosed with a concussion; student-athletes are required to complete a concussion protocol and exertion testing by our athletic trainer prior to returning to play.

Our nurse can provide the appropriate accommodations for your student's injury or illness if she is made aware of the nature of the diagnosis. Please ask your healthcare provider to be specific when notifying the school of your child's diagnosis so that we may best meet his/her needs. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this matter.