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**To:** Chief School Administrators and Charter School Lead Persons  
Principals  
Athletic Directors  
Athletic Trainers

**From:** Christopher Cerf *CDC*  
Acting Commissioner

**Subject:** Model Policy and Guidance for the Prevention and Treatment of  
Sports-Related Concussions and other Head Injuries

On December 7, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law P.L. 2010, Chapter 94, which mandates measures to be taken to ensure the safety of kindergarten through grade 12 student athletes who participate in Interscholastic Athletics in New Jersey. The legislation (N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.4) requires each school district, charter, and nonpublic school that participates in interscholastic athletics to adopt by September 1, 2011 a policy concerning the prevention and treatment of sports-related concussions and other head injuries among student athletes.

Attached for your information and use is the Model Policy and Guidance for the Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries, as well as the Educational Fact sheet. The Educational Fact sheet must be distributed to all k-12 student athletes and their families. Each student athlete and his/her guardian must review the fact sheet and return the signed second page to the student athlete's school.

If you have any questions regarding the policy or the fact sheet, please contact Brendan O'Reilly, Coordinator of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Office of Academic Standards at [Brendan.oreilly@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:Brendan.oreilly@doe.state.nj.us)

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