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TO: Chief School Administrators  
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FROM: Susan Martz, Assistant Commissioner  
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SUBJECT: Fact Sheet for Parents on Sports-Related Eye Injuries in Youth

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the availability of *Sports-Related Eye Injuries: An Educational Fact Sheet for Parents*. Eye injuries are the leading cause of preventable blindness and visual impairment in children, and most injuries occurring in school-aged children are sports-related. The fact sheet, developed by the New Jersey Department of Education, includes critical information to promote the prevention of eye injuries as well as recommendations for the appropriate management of eye injuries that may occur. Each school district and nonpublic school is required to distribute the educational fact sheet annually to parents or guardians of the students, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.9(b), in order to reduce the needless loss of sight that can occur during sports activities. The attached fact sheet may also be accessed at:  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/SportsRelatedEyeInjury.pdf>.

Questions may be directed to [schoolhealthservices@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:schoolhealthservices@doe.state.nj.us).

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