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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The School Emergency Response Team (SERT) strives to provide information for parents as a public service and resource tool bi-annually. This current newsletter contains important information related to student health, safety and welfare.

“HEADS UP”- Concussion in Youth Sports

A concussion is a brain injury and is caused by a bump or blow to the head. You can't see a concussion and signs of the injury can show up immediately or weeks after the injury. If your child experiences an accident or injury to the head look for the following symptoms and seek medical treatment right away.

- Looking or feeling dazed or stunned
- Forgets instructions
- Answers questions slowly
- Behavior or personality change
- Unable to recall events prior to or after the injury
- Headache or pressure in the head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurry vision
- Feeling sluggish, hazy and or confused

If you believe that your child may have a concussion following an accident or sports related injury seek medical attention right away. At school, you are advised to contact the School Psychologist on the Child Study Team who can consult with you and assist with educational accommodations, if necessary. (For more detailed information on concussive syndrome please review the CDC.gov/injury website.)

Parent Safety Tips:

The health, safety and welfare of our students is a primary concern throughout the school year. The SERT and district administration request your partnership in achieving this goal by following these suggestions.

1. **When entering any of our buildings, please be certain to register in the office.** Identification will be required when asking to pick up or retrieve your child.

2. **If you are visiting the building, please wear your visitors badge proudly!** In this manner, the school staff recognizes that you have signed in at the office.
3. **Please use identified crosswalks at all times.** Drop off and pick up at the three schools becomes quite congested with many busses and cars. Using crosswalks and parking in designated areas only will promote increased student and parent safety.

Announcing the School Emergency Response Team (SERT) Website !!!!!

The Hamilton Township School District, School Emergency Response Team or SERT is pleased to announce the launching of our website. Parents are encouraged to visit this website as it will serve as a parental resource that will provide you with school information related to our district emergency procedures, emergency weather conditions as well as links to State and National websites of importance. On the website you will also notice a Twitter connection. This connection will provide parents with important information in the event of an emergency or school crisis.

- **You can access the website directly by clicking : hamiltonschools.org/em**
- **You can also access the website by clicking the district website at : hamiltonschools.org**
- **You can access Twitter by following us at : [@SERTHTSD](https://twitter.com/SERTHTSD)**

On behalf of the Hamilton Township School District we wish all of our students and parents a safe and healthy 2011-2012 school year.