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Summa Health System, a nationally ranked integrated healthcare delivery organization based in Akron, Ohio, is pleased to join other health systems and youth sports organizations across the nation to protect the health and well-being of student athletes. We are pleased to join The Youth Sports Safety Alliance to practice and promote sports health excellence within our region.

Summa's Center for Sports Health values are aligned with the Youth Sports Safety Alliance's Call to Action. Specifically, Summa practices the following values each day:

- *To care for all individuals with dignity and respect*
- *To provide highest quality professionals*
- *To promote the profession of athletic training*
- *To enhance the skills of all sports health professionals*
- *To ensure quick access to care*
- *To promote health, wellness and injury prevention*
- *To minimize time away from activities and enhance early return*
- *To maintain state-of-the-art, easily accessible facilities*
- *To continue growth within our communities*

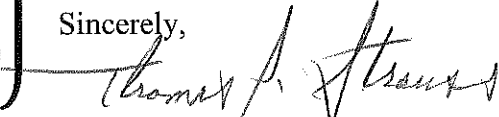
Our Center for Sports Health will continue to elevate its care and treatment to athletes by:

- Allowing **easy access to sports health services** for scholastic, collegiate, and recreational athletes.
- Encouraging a philosophy of sports health that places a **high value on health and wellness**.
- Assisting the injured athlete to return to their desired sport as **quickly and safely as possible**.
- Aiding in **reducing the risk** of athletic injury.
- Educating the public on injury prevention, proper conditioning, performance enhancement and nutrition in order to promote injury prevention and health and wellness.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with the national alliance to introduce legislation and programming to protect and promote the health of athletes we serve.

Sincerely,

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