

Mooresville Consolidated Schools and Franciscan St. Francis Hospital Announce Athletic and Sports Medicine Partnership

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Mooresville, IN – Franciscan St. Francis Health and the Mooresville Consolidated School Board have approved a 3-year agreement through which the Mooresville High School Athletic Department will gain opportunities to enhance the student-athlete experience and provide better coverage and services for athletic training needs.

Under the terms of the agreement, Mooresville will receive additional athletic training and sports medicine services from Franciscan St. Francis Health to assist Mooresville Athletic Trainer Fred LaPlante and the 19 varsity sports programs. The agreement also provides support for other Pioneer athletic, academic, and health-related programs in exchange for exclusive Healthcare Partnership rights and prominent sponsorship opportunities on new scoreboards and game signage for Pioneer athletic facilities.

“We are thankful to St. Francis for this commitment, which will enrich and enhance our student athletic and health programs,” said Brad Lindsay, Mooresville Consolidated Schools Superintendent. “This is a win-win partnership which will maximize our school and community resources. This is an example of wise stewardship for the benefit of our students and our greater Mooresville community.”

The sponsorship will allow Mooresville to focus investments on athletic facility enhancements. The upgrades will create new scoreboards for several Pioneer programs while enhancing the athletic experience for all those who attend Mooresville athletic events.

“We are delighted to extend our ministry, in partnership with Mooresville Schools, by supporting the athletic training program,” said Jared Stark, Executive Director of Franciscan St. Francis Health in Mooresville.

The additional sports medicine event coverage will continue to support Mooresville student athletes for all varsity and junior varsity sports. Sports medicine is a medical specialty that applies medical and scientific knowledge to prevent, recognize, manage, and rehabilitate injuries related to athletic activity. The athletic trainers placed from Franciscan St. Francis Health will be certified and licensed athletic trainers (ATC/LAT) and are highly skilled sports medicine professionals. Led by sports physicians Dr. Robyn Fean and Dr. Robert Malinzak, they will assist with the care and prevention of athletic injury for Mooresville student athletes and serve as the liaison between Mooresville head athletic trainer Fred LaPlante, physicians, and coaches.

“This school board set forth two years ago with a goal of creating more partnerships with the community,” said Mooresville School Board President, Dr. Bill Roberson. “St. Francis is an important and strong presence in Mooresville and the benefits of this partnership will be felt throughout the community. We appreciate the commitment of St. Francis to Mooresville and to our schools.”

Franciscan St. Francis Health is a local resource to Mooresville Consolidated Schools and the entire community. St. Francis will also offer on-demand access to nursing guidance, training & education resources, annual competencies, and physician oversight & phone access for issues that school nurses at all seven Mooresville schools encounter while caring for students during the day.

“This partnership is a natural extension of our relationship with the community and we are very thankful for the opportunity to partner with St. Francis,” said Chad Briscoe, Director of Athletics at Mooresville. “This partnership will create assistance for our head athletic trainer and it will enhance the athletic experience for our student athletes and fans.”

The partnership between St. Francis and Mooresville Schools will begin the 2012-13 academic year. Mooresville High School is a full IHSA member and a part of the Mid-State Conference.