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NORTH CYPRESS PROVIDES FUNDING TO CFISD FOR CONCUSSION TESTING

Cypress, TX, 11/2/10- The North Cypress Sports Medicine Center recently provided funding to the Cy-Fair Independent School District to purchase concussion testing software for all district high schools, as well as Waller High School and Cypress Christian. The software, called ImPACT, is the first, most widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system.

ImPACT is a 20-minute test that has become a standard tool used in comprehensive clinical management of concussions for athletes of all ages. The \$10,000 software is currently being used by the schools for post-injury evaluation tests. Beginning in December, the software will be used to conduct baseline testing on 9th-11th grade students involved in a contact sport. The tests can be administered by an athletic trainer, school nurse, athletic director, team coach, team doctor, or anyone trained to administer baseline testing.

The ImPACT program measures multiple aspects of cognitive functioning in athletes, including symptoms, attention span, non-verbal problem solving, verbal and visual memory, speed, and reaction time. These results will largely assist clinicians and athletic trainers in making difficult decisions regarding the athlete's health and mobility.

In the event that the student suffers a concussion, the results from their baseline are compared with the post injury results and the results are made available to the student's physician.

North Cypress Sports Medicine Center is located on Highway 290 at Huffmeister. For more information on the ImPACT program or the North Cypress Sports Medicine Center, please contact David Griffin at 832-912-6330.

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