



Date: April 8, 2026
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent
From: Athletic Department Leadership
Subject: Recommendation for Appointment of District Team Physician: Joseph Crisman MD

The Issue:

The Athletic Department currently lacks a dedicated team physician to provide consistent on-site medical oversight, injury screenings, and specialized support for student-athletes. To enhance student safety and provide equitable access to sports medicine, we are recommending the appointment of **Joseph Crisman, MD** as the official Team Doctor for East Aurora High School.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

Standard practice for robust athletic programs involves a partnership with a licensed physician to ensure compliance with health protocols and immediate response to athletic injuries. This appointment formalizes our commitment to professional medical standards during high-risk athletic events.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports East Aurora School District's Strategic Goal #3 **Collaborative Leadership**: East Aurora School District 131 will engage in continuous improvements through collaborative, student-focused, and data-driven leadership. It also aligns with Strategic Goal #4 **Student Achievement**: East Aurora School District #131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap. By bringing medical expertise directly to the school, we remove barriers to care that can impede a student's ability to participate and succeed.

Community Impact:

Dr. Crisman's involvement will provide significant relief to families by offering bi-weekly (or as needed) injury screenings directly at the school. This localized care reduces the need for parents to secure outside appointments and transportation for initial assessments, ensuring our athletes remain healthy and active. Dr. Crisman and his team are able to secure outside appointments, as necessary, faster than a normal referral.

Supporting Data:

On-Site Presence: Dr. Crisman will be on the sidelines for all football games and other athletic contests as his schedule permits.

Injury Management: Regular bi-weekly screenings facilitate early intervention and faster return-to-play timelines.

Preventative Care: Proposed "Physical Days" over the summer will ensure students are medically cleared before the start of the competitive season.



Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the district.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of **Joseph Crisman, MD** as Team Physician to provide sideline coverage, bi-weekly injury screenings, summer physicals for the athletic department, and other treatment that maybe needed.

Timeline for Decision

Approval is requested by the next Board meeting to ensure medical coverage is finalized prior to the upcoming athletic season.