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TO: All SBISD Middle School and High School Student Athletes and Parents
FROM: Chief Bruce Dareing
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As the 2018/2019 school year begins, I would like to remind all student athletes and parents that "Hazing" is against state law and school rules. Over the past several years, the SBISD Police Department has received complaints from middle school athletes regarding hazing administered by high school athletes as a "Rite of Passage" from middle school to high school athletics.

Hazing (Statute 37.151 of Education Code 111 Part)

Hazing includes any willful act done by a student either individually or with others, to another student for the purpose of subjecting the other student to indignity, humiliation, physical abuse or threats of abuse, social ostracism, shame, or disgrace. No student shall engage in any form of hazing, nor shall any student encourage or assist any other person in hazing. (See attached)

The SBISD Police Department will investigate all hazing complaints and report our findings to the Harris County District Attorney's office. SBISD will not tolerate hazing incidents and will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any student or person who administers hazing to a SBISD student. All participants of a hazing incident will be subject to arrest and suspension from school and athletic activities. Hazing offense is a misdemeanor punishable by fine and confinement in the county jail. Student athletes devote considerable time, effort and commitment to become a member of a school's sports team. Engaging in hazing will result in the student losing their time and effort that the student has committed to their respective school sports. **HAZING IS NOT WORTH THE PRICE!**

Students who are victims of hazing must notify their parents and/or a school official of the hazing incident. The student's parent or school official shall immediately report the incident to the SBISD Police Department (713-984-9805). Anonymous reports may be given to Crime Stoppers (713-222-8477). Failing to report a hazing incident to law enforcement is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine and confinement in the county jail for up to 180 days. (Statue 37.152 Education Code)

On behalf of the SBISD Police Department have a safe and enjoyable summer break. Please contact me or an SBISD Police Officer if you have any questions or concerns regarding hazing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Dareing".

Chief Bruce Dareing
Spring Branch ISD Police Department