## RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES (Zurich Protocol).

An RSU 13 student/athlete recovering from a concussive incident may return to play using the following guidelines (Zurich Protocol) – *once they have been symptom free at rest for a full day(Including academic load):* 

<u>Day 1</u>: Light aerobic exercise (walking, swimming, or stationary cycling) keeping exercise heart rate less than 70% of maximum predicated heart rate. <u>No resistance training</u>.

<u>Day 2:</u> Sport-specific exercise; any activities that incorporate sport-specific skills. <u>No head-impact activities.</u>

**Day 3:** Non-contact training drills.

<u>Day 4:</u> Full-contact practice, participate in normal practice activities.

**Day 5:** Return to competition.

If any concussion symptoms return during any of the above activities, the student/athletes will return to the previous level – after resting for 24 hours. This will be monitored by the athletic trainer and/or school nurse.

