



SPRINGBORO SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that the district, and other schools in the county, are continuing to see an increase in a dangerous trend among students: e-cigarette use, also known as vaping.

E-cigarettes, vape pens, or juuls, are electronic devices that emit a vapor that is inhaled by the user. The liquid solutions that are used in these devices may contain nicotine and other harmful chemicals. Vaping devices are also being used to dispense crystallized marijuana (THC). These devices may resemble a pen or a USB drive.

Our first and foremost concern is student health and safety. Students who are using these devices are inhaling nicotine and other harmful chemicals thinking it is safe. As you know, nicotine is highly addictive and some of these unregulated products that students are purchasing at vape shops, online, or from their peers, contain higher levels of nicotine than cigarettes.

Please note you must be 18 years of age to purchase vaping devices or vaping liquids. These devices can also be used to dispense THC in an odorless method. As per your school building's Code of Conduct, the possession, distribution, or use of a vaping device is prohibited in school, on school property or at school events. Students found possessing, distributing, or using these devices are subject to discipline under your school building's Code of Conduct, as well as the possibility for charges being filed from the Springboro Police Department.

Here at Springboro Schools, we are continuing to take additional steps to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Our administrators and counselors are available for anyone seeking assistance in discussing this matter. The district's Mental Health Services Dept. is also available, regarding any questions or concerns.

Information about vaping and risks associated with e-cigarette use is available on the ODH website and the CDC website. Information about resources to help people quit smoking and vaping are available on the ODH website, including the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line (1-800-QUIT-NOW). Please view resources listed below:

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CDC Clinical Action Report: Respiratory Illness and Vaping -

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Other-Resources/CDC-Clinical-Action-Respiratory-Illness-and-Vaping.pdf>

ODH Health Alert: Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with Vaping -

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Other-Resources/ODH-Health-Alert-Severe-Pulmonary-Disease-Associated-with-Vaping.pdf>

Springboro Schools' Mental Health Services Website -

www.springboro.org/StudentMentalHealthServices.aspx

Thank you,

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