

**WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

School districts throughout the United States, including Wallington, have been noting an increase of student use of electronic cigarettes/“vaping”. This is a growing trend and there is much literature available that indicates that there are many negative short and long term effects of electronic cigarette usage.

We have included these topics in our curriculum in all of our schools. In addition, we have had presentations like “Hidden In Plain Sight” and “Steered Straight” which have covered the use and misuse of these kinds of devices for students and adults in the community - including how they are used to ingest controlled dangerous substances. We continue to train our staff on these dangers and how to detect student usage.

The use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited on school grounds or school functions. Our policy applies to students and to adults as well. Students found to be in violation of these policies face discipline including suspension from school. Additionally, any device that is confiscated by the school will only be returned to a parent or guardian, as our students are not of legal age to purchase them.

It is critical that our schools have your support to address this concern. To that end we respectfully request the assistance of our parents and guardians by ensuring that their children do not possess or bring these items to school. Our parents and guardians are the most important partner the schools have in helping to ensure the well-being of our students, and we hope that we can count on your assistance.

Working together to address a common concern is perhaps the most effective way to address any issue. Please reach out to me or your building principal with any questions or concerns you may have on this topic or anything concerning your child’s well-being. The sites below can provide you with more information as well as some good talking points for your children.

[https://ecigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR\\_ECig\\_ParentTipSheet\\_508.pdf](https://ecigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)

<https://www.centeronaddiction.org/e-cigarettes>

[https://drugfree.org/parent-blog/the-teen-vaping-trend-what-parents-need-to-know/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=parent&utm\\_campaign=dec-top-5](https://drugfree.org/parent-blog/the-teen-vaping-trend-what-parents-need-to-know/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=parent&utm_campaign=dec-top-5)

Sincerely,



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