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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The School District of Palm Beach County is informing you about the growing trend of e-cigarettes being used by middle and high school students. Electronic cigarettes also referred to as e-cigarettes, e-cigs, vapes, and hookah pens is a delivery system designed to mimic the smoking of a cigarette. These products use a liquid that may contain nicotine, marijuana or other drugs, as well as varying compositions of flavors. The liquid is heated and turns into an aerosol that is inhaled. Scientific research indicates that the use of e-cigarettes, vapes and similar devices may have adverse health consequences for users.

Our Student Code of Conduct policies 5.1812 and 5.1813, addresses e-cigarettes and vaping. We want to remind the school community that bringing e-cigarettes or any other smoking device on campus is **strictly prohibited**. **Students may not solicit, use, or possess on their persons or in their vehicles e-cigarettes, vapes, or any other nicotine or smoking devices, or related products and accessories such as lighters, e-liquid, atomizers, rolling papers, etc. Violations of this policy will be handled in the same manner as Tobacco or Drug use depending on the content of the items found.**

Below are a few examples of what e-cigarettes look like. Please note that not all colors and forms of e-cigarettes are represented. Additional information is located on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website for Tobacco products. The following is the link to the page:

<https://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/ProductsIngredientsComponents/ucm456610.htm>



Sincerely,

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