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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Many school districts across America are reporting a recent surge in incidents involving student use of electronic cigarettes in all forms and with many different substances. Our intent is to inform you of this concern and give you some resources to have a conversation with your child if you believe they are involved in this kind of behavior. Since the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) is a newer trend, there are very few long-term findings about its influence on the health of our youth. However, we do know it is highly addictive because of the concentrated use of nicotine and other known chemicals contained in the various fluids. We believe there is enough evidence supporting the notion that vaping can contribute to negative health effects, and often find that our parents may not be aware of the risks around vaping. There are also some misconceptions about vaping that we hope to clarify with the included resources.

Please take some time to explore the resources that we are sharing, and then speak with your child about this concern. We realize that this topic may be a difficult conversation to raise at home and that everyone has their own opinion about it. At the very least, it is important that all students understand that the possession or use of these devices at school is a breach of the *Student Code of Conduct*. As always, we value your support of the school rules and policies to help maintain an orderly learning environment and keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric Mellin".

Ric Mellin  
Principal