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Important Announcement for Lebanon High School and Lebanon Junior High Parents

Dear Parents and Students,

The Lebanon City School district, along with other schools districts across the country, are seeing an increase in a dangerous new 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 often contain various amounts of 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.

We are concerned about student health and safety. Students who are using these devices are inhaling nicotine and other harmful chemicals and may be thinking it is safe. These products are being marketed toward our youth to entice them to try, and ultimately, use these products. As you know, nicotine is highly addictive and some of these unregulated products contain higher levels of nicotine than cigarettes. The use of one Juul is the equivalent of smoking 1 pack of cigarettes.

While the law requires you to be at least 18 years of age to purchase or use vaping devices, many of our students are in possession of one. These devices are also being used to dispense THC in an odorless method.

As per our Student 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 our Student Code of Conduct.

In an effort to better protect our students from the dangers of vaping and nicotine addiction, we are revising consequences for violating Student Code of Conduct #27 - Using/Possession of Tobacco

***Effective April 3, 2018, the consequences for students found in violation of Student Code of Conduct #27 will be:**

First Violation

1. 3 Day Out of School Suspension
2. Student will not be permitted to attend the next dance on the school calendar (i.e. Prom, Homecoming, Winter Formal)
3. Student/Parents will be offered an additional support of enrollment in a tobacco/smoking awareness class offered at school at no charge to the family.

Second Violation

1. 5 Day Out of School Suspension
2. Student will not be permitted to attend any school dances for 1 year.
3. Student/Parents will be offered an additional support of enrollment in a tobacco/smoking awareness class offered at school at no charge to the family.

Third Violation

1. 10 day suspension with the recommendation for expulsion.
2. Students will not be permitted to attend any school dances for the remainder of his/her high school career.
3. Student will be required to attend tobacco cessation classes at the expense of the student/parent before returning to school under any abeyance agreement.

* Please note, these violations are cumulative over a student's career in each building.

We are committed to the health and well-being of our students. Our administrators and counselors are available for anyone seeking assistance in discussing this matter further.

Sincerely,

Scott Butler
LHS, Principal

Brian Dalton
LJHS, Principal