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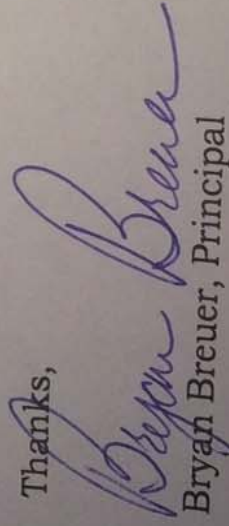
To whom it may concern,

I am advocating for legislation regarding vapor pens and their use with minors. It has been my experience that accessibility to vapor pens has become more prevalent with our students. The number of incidents has aligned with that increased accessibility. Throughout the last three years that I have been a principal at Goddard, we have seen the incidents of students carrying and/or using vapor pens increase at school. For each incident, we have followed our district code of conduct which aligns the use of vapor pens with the use of tobacco for minors. We have run into frustration with the inconsistency between vapor pens and tobacco when it comes to involving law enforcement. Even though vapor pens are being used for the same purpose as cigarettes, there are no legal ramifications for a student to use a vapor pen on campus.

I would encourage you to look at the legal language regarding tobacco use for minors and mirror that language by including vapor pens as well. Until you do, there are no legal consequences to deter students from being repeat users. There are also inconsistencies with the law – one mode of using tobacco (vapor pens) is legal while another mode (cigarettes) is illegal. This seems to send a mixed message to the youth within our community.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,


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