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To the Hamilton Township Secondary School Community:

This message comes in an effort to address an ongoing concern at our secondary buildings (middle & high school) with respect to students “smoking” or “vaping.” According to Board of Education Policy 5533 (Student Smoking):

“Smoking” means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked, or the inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3D-57. For the purpose of this Policy, “smoking” also includes the use of smokeless tobacco and snuff. For the purpose of this Policy, “electronic smoking device” means an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or any cartridge or other component of the device or related product pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4

N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4 prohibits the sale or distribution to any person under twenty-one years old of any cigarettes made of tobacco or any other matter or substance which can be smoked, or any cigarette paper or tobacco in any form, including smokeless tobacco; and any electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or any cartridge or other component of the device or related product. The Board prohibits smoking by students at any time in school buildings or on school grounds, at school-sponsored events away from school, or on a school bus.

A student who violates the provisions of this Policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the district’s Student Discipline/Code of Conduct and may be subject to fines in accordance with law. In the event a student is found to have violated this Policy and the law, the Principal or designee may file a complaint with the appropriate Municipal Court or other agency with jurisdiction as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:6-9.1(c).

Moving forward any student found to be in violation of BOE Policy 5533 will face the following progressive consequences:

Offense 1	Offense 2	Offense 3	Offense 4	Offense 5
Mandatory 3 Day Out of School Suspension	Mandatory 5 Day Out of School Suspension	Mandatory 7 Day Out of School Suspension	Mandatory 9 Day Out of School Suspension	Mandatory 9 Day Out of School Suspension
Loss of Good Standing	Loss of Good Standing	Loss of Good Standing	Loss of Good Standing	Loss of Good Standing
	Mandatory Parent/Guardian Conference	Mandatory Parent/Guardian Conference	Mandatory Parent/Guardian Conference	Mandatory Parent/Guardian Conference
		Temporary Loss of All Extracurricular Privileges	Permanent Loss of All Extracurricular Privileges	Permanent Loss of All Extracurricular Privileges
				Official Filing of Complaint with the Appropriate Municipal Court or Other Agency with Jurisdiction

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this initiative.

Sincerely,

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