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Dear Families and Students,

I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start.

I wanted to share with you that our Board of Education has updated a number of policies and regulations to address the use of electronic cigarettes. While these devices are often marketed as a "safe" alternative to conventional cigarettes, they actually generate significant health risks, especially for young people. A recent report by the [Surgeon General](#) reviewed these concerns, including the use of electronic cigarettes to "vape" marijuana and other dangerous substances.

In November, Washington Township School District had a guest speaker from the Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative, Ms. Christina Martins, conduct a presentation on the vaping dilemma and its associated health risks. Here is a link to this very informative [presentation](#).

The laws of New Jersey and our district policies state clearly that e-cigs are not allowed on school grounds and are illegal for anyone under the age of 21. Possession and use of these devices on school property or at school functions may result in serious consequences for students, including suspension and signed complaint with Washington Township Police Department.

I urge all parents and guardians to discuss this topic with their student and to remind them of the dangers that e-cigs and vaping pose. I am proud that the Washington Township Public Schools continues to be proactive in doing our best to keep our families informed and our students safe.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Bollendorf
Superintendent

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