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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may have heard, a district in a nearby county has had an alarming trend emerge in their schools. They confiscated three vaping devices that had tested positive for fentanyl or heroin. Fentanyl cannot be detected by taste, smell or even vision, but can kill someone who uses it with the first exposure. Even handling the drug can be lethal because it can be absorbed through the skin. Symptoms can include disorientation, coughing, drowsiness, dizziness, low blood pressure, nausea, vomiting, blue lips or fingernails, respiratory distress or cardiac arrest. Narcan may not be effective in neutralizing the drug.

To be totally clear, we have not found any of this in the Everett Area School District, but we wanted to make everyone aware that it has been found nearby and could become a problem here as well. Vape users may not be aware that this drug has been added to their vape until it is too late.

Today we met briefly with our Middle and High School students to make them aware of this danger. We hope that you will also talk to your child about the risks of vaping. If your child has been vaping, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building principal at 814-652-9114, for assistance in connecting with confidential drug and alcohol counseling.

Sincerely,

Dr. James P. Hollis
Assistant Superintendent