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Dear Parents and Community Members:

A new trend we are seeing in the schools is the use of vape pens or other devices that allow students to inhale potentially dangerous vaporized fumes. These vaping devices come in a variety of shapes and forms and can often appear to be a harmless device. For example, a number of them look like they are a jumpdrive for a computer.

The intent of this letter is to inform parents of the health risks of vaping. We would also like to ask you to be extra vigilant and to let you know of the ramifications that students can face if caught with a vaping device on school grounds.

Vaping devices are treated as if they were a tobacco product. Students caught with them will face the same punishment as if they had a tobacco product in their possession. Additionally, schools are required to report to the police whenever a student is caught with a tobacco product. Students could face a "Minor In Possession" charge if they are caught with any of the devices on school grounds.

Yale Medicine recently published an article on the health risks associated with vaping. The link to the article is: <https://www.yalemedicine.org/stories/teen-vaping/>

Educationally yours,

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Example Vape Devices

