

RED LION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

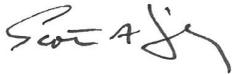
On November 27, 2019, Governor Wolf signed House Bill 97 into law. Among other things, House Bill 97 redefines “tobacco product” under 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6306.1 the enforcement mechanism for school districts to use against students and adults using tobacco products on school property. This redefinition of “tobacco product” is aligned to and supported by Board Policy 222 and language on page 47 and 37 of the Red Lion Area Senior High School and Junior High School Student Handbook/Code of Conduct respectively.

Beginning January 26, 2020 school districts will now have the authority to have summary citations issued against students and adults possessing nicotine delivery products, such as the *Juul* or *Enjoi*, while on school property. Please understand that as of January 26, 2020 students and adults possessing nicotine delivery products on school property will be subject to summary citations and fines that may be in excess of \$200. Fines for possessing THC or THC delivery products may result in greater fines and criminal consequences.

Teen vaping is becoming a nationwide epidemic. The District recognizes that tobacco use presents a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for both the user and the nonuser and the safety and environment of the schools. Unfortunately, a great deal of misinformation exists about the dangers of vaping and tobacco use among children and teens. Further, the vaping industry tends to advertise enticing flavors that can mask the fact that children are ingesting tobacco and other chemicals. It is also possible that students can purchase products that contain THC-based oils. THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, is the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects. I am encouraging you to discuss tobacco use and vaping with your child(ren) and reinforce with them that the use and possession of tobacco products and electronic and/or vaping smoking products are prohibited on school property. I have included links below to

credible information about vaping and tips on how to discuss this topic with your child(ren). Also included is a picture of a common type of vaping pen and cartridges for your information.

Sincerely,



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RESOURCES:

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipsheet_508.pdf

<https://publichealthinsider.com/2018/08/14/tips-from-teachers-how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-vaping/>

<https://drugfree.org/article/how-to-talk-with-your-kids-about-vaping/>

JUUL pen and cartridges:

