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Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

We are writing to you today in a plea for help and a call to action.

In recent weeks the bathrooms at CHS have become increasingly problematic, creating greater levels of frustration for all, both in the building and outside the building. Like all high schools across the nation, we have seen a major spike in the use of vapes amongst students. Unfortunately, the use of vapes often happens in the bathrooms. We have not ignored this problem as it is a violation of school policy and state law. Since the beginning of the year, we have increased our vigilance in the bathrooms to combat these occurrences. We have seen some small levels of success.

More recently however, we are experiencing additional issues in the bathrooms to include students eating, sleeping and congregating in large numbers. We have also seen a large surge of vandalism, which has resulted in costly repairs, including newly renovated bathrooms that have been reduced to eye sores. We are saddened by all of these negative behaviors and we have received complaints from many.

Carmel has proven to be a community of one through generations. Triumph and tragedy has never stopped or slowed us down – nor shall the petty nature of a small group of students. We are asking for your assistance in the following ways:

Students: This is your home for several hours a day. Treat each space as if it is yours. The actions of a few become the reputations of many. Report those who choose not to do the right thing. We support you.

Parents: Please speak with your children about these issues and behaviors. Empower them to take action against those who choose to act inappropriately. Let them know you support them and will not tolerate behaviors that draw negative attention.

Staff: As many of you have already done, please help in our continued vigilance of these spaces. Your presence in and around these spaces adds support to those who choose to do the right thing.

If we cannot bring about change by this call to action, we will have to take additional steps to curtail the negative behaviors. This will surely result in inconveniences, increased frustration, and a decrease in the mission and values of the CCSD. The aforementioned statement is not meant as a veiled threat, but rather a forced decision to combat a problem by taking more drastic measures. We are actively trying to avoid this.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and belief in what's best for kids. We are confident that together this will be a non-issue and something that will soon be in our past.

Sincerely,

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