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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our first priority is to always provide a safe, nurturing, supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students. Therefore, it is important that our parents are aware of recent incidents involving student vaping on and off our school grounds. Vaping is an overall growing national trend, which includes the use of E-Cigarettes, Vaporizers and/or Juuls. These are all electronic devices that use a battery to aerosolize a liquid, usually containing nicotine, flavoring, and/or other additives, which are inhaled by the user through a mouthpiece. They can also be used to deliver marijuana and/or other substances. The liquids that are vaporized come in many different flavors and might even smell fruity. For example, many of the flavors of these liquid concentrates, or 'vape juices', are sweet and even have names such as, cinnamon roll, strawberry cupcake, marshmallow, bubblegum and lemonade. They are being manufactured this way to attract a young audience, which has been successful. Over the last five years, the use of vaporizers amongst the youth has increased, and the use of these devices is now more common than the use of regular cigarettes among middle school students.

We are providing you with this information to inform you of the growing concern, give you resources, and allow you the opportunity to discuss the matter with your child. We would also like to provide you with a workshop for additional support. During the workshop, you will be given the chance to learn more facts about vaping, how you can talk with your child, as well as, any additional concerns you may have. If interested in attending this workshop, please fill out the tear off at the bottom. The date and time of the workshop will follow.

Below is also a link that provides information on vaping and one that gives tips on having a conversation with your child. Please feel free to contact us at school to address any concerns that you may have about your student relating to vaping, and to assist in answering any questions they might have or resources they may need.

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/2016_SGR_ECig_FAQ_508.pdf

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

Please call our school counselor, social worker or youth development counselor at 718-631-6800 if you need any assistance.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Middle School 74's Child Support Team
(Mr. Bean, Ms. Beickert, Mr. DeSimone, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Kaufman, Ms. Meyers, Ms. Scollo, and Ms. Wiener)

I _____ am interested in attending a parent workshop that will provide me with more information on the increasing concern of student vaping.

Signature

Date

Please return this slip back to our Youth Development Counselor, Ms. Meyers in room 115B.