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Dear Parents:

In recent years, a teenage phenomenon has swept through schools throughout the nation: vaping. Our schools here in Clark have not been spared.

As with any behavior, parents are the best line of defense against harmful, dangerous actions and attitudes. And so, I write to pass along a few resources in the form of links for you to read/view and, hopefully, share with your students about the incredibly dangerous habit known as vaping.

This is a good time to discuss vaping with students. The school year is only a few weeks old, and your students have begun the task of finding new friends, activities, and peer groups. In addition, there have been a spate of news articles about the dangers of vaping since school began; the links all reference stories from September on. It is time to fight the misconception that vaping is not harmful or that the medical community cannot “prove” the adverse health effects. The anecdotal evidence is strong enough.

Thanks for your attention. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact me at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Kaelblein
Student Assistance Coordinator

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/cdc-warns-against-vaping-as-it-investigates-at-least-5-deaths/>

<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/09/09/scott-gottlieb-federal-reckoning-needed-after-vaping-linked-deaths.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2019/09/07/what-we-know-about-mysterious-vaping-linked-illnesses-deaths/?noredirect=on>

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/vaping-e-cigarettes-suspected-fifth-death-hundreds-lung-injuries>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/death-from-vaping-in-indiana-california-and-minnesota-more-people-died-at-least-450-illnesses-now-nationwide/>

<https://www.dispatch.com/news/20191016/new-ohio-state-research-shows-vaping-can-cause-lung-inflammation-in-non-smokers>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/vaping-illnesses-deaths-e-cigarettes-smoking-lung-disease-a9142641.html>

<https://www.cnet.com/news/a-timeline-of-recent-juul-and-vaping-health-controversies-death-update/>