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Dear Parents & Guardians:

We would like to share with you some information regarding an unhealthy and potentially harmful trend which has been growing in popularity with teenagers across the country and in the Great Neck community. The use of electronic cigarettes and vaporizers often referred to as ‘vaping’ or ‘dripping’, has risen sharply over the past year. The use of these vaping devices has replaced traditional cigarettes and is intended to be used with flavored oils that contain nicotine. Some teenagers have replaced the nicotine with illegal and dangerous substances.

As we continue to partner with parents in promoting the health and safety of our youngsters, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child about the dangers of vape devices. The following articles are being shared to provide additional information regarding this troubling trend.

- To read the NYS Department of Health bulletin on the dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping to youth and adults, please go to:
 - http://bit.ly/NYSDOH_ecigs-vaping
- To read about how e-cigarettes impact lung health, please go to:
 - http://bit.ly/ecigs_lunghealth
- To read facts about e-cigarette use among youth and young adults from the Surgeon General’s report, please go to:
 - http://bit.ly/facts_ecigs-youth

According to recently passed New York State Legislation (S. 750/A. 611), the use of electronic cigarettes, as well as the use of vaporizer products and devices, is prohibited on all public and private school grounds in New York. It is important to be aware that students found in possession of such products will have them confiscated and receive a consequence as outlined in the Great Neck Public Schools Code of Conduct.

Please do not hesitate to contact any administrator, guidance counselor or student support staff member at Great Neck South High School if additional information or support is needed. Thank you for your attention to this most important matter. As always, our goal is to encourage our students to make decisions that maximize their academic and social emotional well-being.

Yours truly,

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