



# AUTEN ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a follow-up to a letter that was recently shared by Hillsborough High School Principal, Ms. Karen Bingert, to students and parents in grades 9-12, Auten Road is taking some age-appropriate steps to address the increasing prevalence and popularity of *e-cigarettes and vaping devices*. Although there have been **ZERO** instances involving e-cigarettes and vaping devices at ARIS, it is important that our students understand the implications of bringing such items to school.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:3D-58(b) and in alignment with efforts at Hillsborough High School and Hillsborough Middle School, Auten Road is changing a line in its **Major Violations to Avoid** section in the ARIS Student/Parent Handbook to include e-cigarettes and personal vaporizers. The line will now read, *“Possession, distribution or use of any illegal substance, drug, alcohol, tobacco, or substance that imitates an illegal substance, drug, or alcohol. Possession of or use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers, lighters, matches, or any paraphernalia.”*

Since the contents of a electronic smoking device (e-cigarettes / personal vaporizers) cannot be determined through casual observation or easily tested to determine if the contents are tobacco or controlled dangerous substances, students in possession of electronic smoking devices/components will also be considered under suspicion of being under the influence of drugs while at school as would any student in possession of anything that would constitute drug paraphernalia, and, as such, the appropriate safety procedures and potential consequences would follow.

It is important to reiterate that ARIS has had ZERO incidents involving e-cigarettes or other vaping devices to date. Nevertheless, please feel free to contact me or your child’s school counselor if you have any questions, concerns, or are in need of any assistance. Please note that an informational night will be offered on January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillsborough High School Auditorium for parents/guardians of students in grades 5-12 to learn about these devices and other things to be on the lookout for to help keep Hillsborough’s children drug-free.

While the methods of engaging in unhealthy behaviors may continue to change, one thing remains constant – our willingness to do everything possible to keep the children of Hillsborough safe and healthy. I ask that you review this important information with your child to ensure that he/she understands it as this procedural update will go into effect on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Sincerely,

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*Att: Sample Images of Electronic Smoking Devices*

***SAMPLE IMAGES OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES***

