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Dear Lakewood Families:

The LPS administrative team would like to share a current health concern among some teens across the nation, state and our local community. There has been a rise in the use of vaping devices, which has only recently been scrutinized by the FDA:

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm620184.htm>

We share this information with you to make sure you are informed of the potential use and health concern among teens. A common misperception among teens and adults is that “vaping” consists either solely or primarily of water vapor. In reality, most vaping liquids contain propylene glycol or vegetable glycerin, flavorings and nicotine. Additionally, some vaping devices can be used in conjunction with Tetrahydrocannabinol or THC oil cartridges. Please look at the information provided in the following link which is a product of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

<https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm>

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/Quick-Facts-on-the-Risks-of-E-cigarettes-for-Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults.html

Unfortunately, students who use these products on school property, at school events, or any school sanctioned function will be subject to discipline under the tobacco policies in the district.

It is our hope that this information will be useful to you and your children.

On behalf of our administrative team,

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Included on this site are resources for starting conversations with your teens. The following devices/images are common among high school and middle school teens.



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