



# ÉCOLE BALLENAS SECONDARY

*Building Successful Students*

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Dear Students and Families,

As you are aware, all school district buildings, grounds, buses, and vehicles parked on school property are required by law to be smoke free at all times. In addition to contravening the Provincial laws and our school and district Codes of Conduct, we are also concerned about the possible future adverse health effects from vaping, which are becoming more widely known as new research becomes available.

In response to concerns from students, parents, and staff, we are implementing some additional responses to help enforce our school's Code of Conduct. Therefore, this notice is serving as fair warning to families regarding disciplinary measures we will be enforcing. Our primary focus will be on the students who are vaping in the washrooms; however, students who continue to vape on school property will be subject to progressive discipline as outlined by Board Policy 701, Student Discipline.

The following actions will be in place after our May long weekend:

**1. First offense:**

- a. Vape is confiscated
- b. Parent/guardian contact
- c. Educational package to complete with follow up meeting with school counsellor or CYCW

**2. Second offense:**

- a. Vape is confiscated
- b. Parent/guardian contact
- c. In-school suspension
- d. District meeting at school site with school Administration before return to classes

**3. Third offense:**

- a. Vape is confiscated
- b. Parent/guardian meeting
- c. Out of school suspension
- d. District meeting at school site with school Administration before return to classes

**4. Fourth offense:**

- a. Vape is confiscated
- b. Parent/guardian meeting
- c. Out of school suspension
- d. District review meeting to discuss educational path

Please review these progressive discipline steps with your student(s) at home. This information will also be shared with students via grade assemblies and through classroom follow up. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.