



Hudson Junior High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that on Friday afternoon, it was discovered that a student brought an airsoft BB gun to Hudson Junior High School. It was found in a backpack in a locker, which was searched after the student was suspected of engaging in an unrelated behavior called “vaping” (read more about vaping below).

Upon discovering the airsoft BB gun, we immediately called our School Resource Officer to investigate. Both the gun and the vaping instrument were confiscated and turned into police, who are investigating the matter further.

Airsoft BB guns are not toys and are considered weapons that can potentially cause harm. It is important for students to realize how serious safety violations of this nature can be. Students who engage in such behavior will likely face disciplinary measures at school and possibly even legal consequences.

Because children often do not recognize the dangerous situation that can result from bringing such items to school, and because they may not report negative or harmful behavior, we encourage you to speak with your child(ren) about what is safe and appropriate conduct.

Vaping, which uses electronic devices to emit vapor that is inhaled by the user, is also an inappropriate activity for children. The inhaled vapor may contain nicotine, THC (a chemical found in marijuana), and other substances. Many of these devices come in different shapes and sizes: some look like pens, and one of the newest trends, “JUULing,” is discreet and closely resembles a thumb drive or flash drive.

Unfortunately, many schools across the country have seen an increase in students using vaping instruments. While we are trying to proactively educate our students about the dangers of vaping, there will be consequences if a student vapes or is found in possession of any electronic smoking cartridges or paraphernalia on school property.

We thank you for being a partner in your child’s education. We need to continue to work together as new trends emerge that pose a risk to the health and safety of our students. Please reinforce that any questionable activities should be promptly reported to school staff. We thoroughly investigate all reports and take appropriate action where necessary. As always, the safety and well-being of our students is our top priority.

Sincerely,

Mr. Derek Reardon, Principal
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