Madison Local School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Middle/High School Students,

Good evening Madison Middle School and High School families! As we begin the 2026-27 school year, the safety, health, and well-being of our students continues to be a primary concern. Of particular concern is the increasing trend of vape use by our middle school and high school students, including, but not limited to, the use of THC (mind-altering compound commonly found in marijuana) in vapes.

To clearly demonstrate the concern, I'd like to share some data with you from the 2025-26 school year. Between the middle school and the high school last year, there were over 100 Code of Conduct Violations for Vape or THC Vape-Related Offenses, which, on average, is approximately three per week.

Through this letter it is my hope to bring awareness to this issue and to partner with our Madison families to significantly reduce, if not eliminate, Vape and THC Vape-Related Offenses among our students.

As we continue to work diligently in our schools to educate our students regarding the dangers of vaping and THC use, I encourage you to make it a priority at home to engage your child(ren) in ongoing conversations regarding the dangers of vaping and THC use, to look for warning signs that your child(ren) are already engaging in the risky behavior(s), and to take the necessary steps to prevent the use by your child(ren).

An excellent resource that our schools use to prevent substance abuse is CACY (Community Action for Capable Youth). This resource is also available to you as a resident of Richland County. CACY's contact information is as follows: Phone: 419-774-5683 List of Agency Prevention Professionals: https://cacyohio.org/about-us/ Additionally, please feel free to contact your child's school if we can support you with resources in your efforts to prevent your child from engaging in these risky behaviors.

Thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and for your ongoing support in promoting and prioritizing the safety, health, and well-being of your child(ren) and assisting us as we promote a substance free culture and lifestyle for all of our students!

Sincerely,
Rob Peterson, Superintendent

Madison Local School District Vision

Building our community

Creating endless opportunities

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