



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: Aledo ISD Anti-Vaping Plan

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Senate Bill 21 from the 86th Legislative session amended several elements of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the use or possession of e-cigarettes
- Policy FNCD (Legal) addresses use or possession of e-cigarettes by students in Aledo ISD
- The Student Code of Conduct considers e-cigarettes and any part or accessory for an e-cigarette to be a prohibited item under General Conduct Violations
- According to the National Institutes of Health:
 - Teens are more likely to use e-cigarettes than traditional cigarettes in every grade from middle school through high school, and e-cig users are seriously misinformed about e-cigs
 - Only 13.2% of e-cig users reported they believe it contains nicotine; 66% reported they believed it was just flavoring; 13.7% report they have no idea what their e-cig contains
- Given the accelerated use of e-cigs by children, the fact that the vapor in e-cigs contains several dangerous substances, and the misinformation that children appear to have about the risks associated with the use of e-cigs, the Administration is constructing a plan in an effort to protect our children from e-cigs. The Administration intends to implement an anti-vaping education plan for students, parents, and staff during the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. In addition, the Administration, in consult with campus administrators and staff, has constructed revisions to the Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) regarding the discipline consequences for student vaping. The recommended revisions to the SCOC are designed to create more consistency among campuses in how vaping is addressed, to increase consequences as a student accrues vaping infractions, and to include an education component for students and their parents. The Administration intends to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to the SCOC regarding vaping at the August 19, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Anti-Vaping Plan Presentation

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion item only