

RESOLUTION

Support of Restricting Youth Access to Flavored Tobacco Products

WHEREAS, tobacco use among youth is a community wide issue;

WHEREAS, the School District has adopted a Wellness Policy to promote healthy choices in our schools;

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States;

WHEREAS, more than 90% of deaths from lung cancer are caused by cigarette smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke;

WHEREAS, tobacco companies continue to market specifically to children with youth-appealing packaging and additives such as candy, fruit, menthol, and desert flavorings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth School Board, in an effort to decrease the rates of tobacco addiction and therefore lung cancer in our community, supports current efforts to reduce access to products such as menthol and other flavored tobacco products that appeal specifically to children and urge the Duluth City Council to restrict the sale of menthol and other flavored tobacco products to adult only tobacco stores within the city.