

# Seycove Newsletter #1

## Special Edition



## Vaping on School Grounds

As you are aware, we have seen a recent increase in the amount of vaping at Seycove and feel it has now become a very serious issue that needs to be addressed.

Student safety is paramount. The prevalence of vaping at school is a school-wide issue. Not only is it a safety and health concern for those vaping, but it is also a safety concern for the rest of the students. Other students are reporting that they are scared to go to the washrooms because of the students who are frequently vaping there. Many parents have expressed their concerns about this issue. Steps to be taken:

1

STEP

Temporary -  
limit use of washrooms-  
will reopen  
Monday, Dec. 10

2

STEP

Meetings with students,  
teachers and parents

3

STEP

Plan created for moving  
forward - regular school  
operation

### Step 2 - Meetings

Monday, Dec. 3

Individual student  
meetings

Staff gathering to  
discuss concern and  
provide additional  
input to Admin

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Student focus  
group meeting at  
lunch

Students  
encouraged to  
email Admin  
suggestions/  
concerns

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Staff meeting  
discussion

PAC meeting  
discussion

### Step 3 - Plan

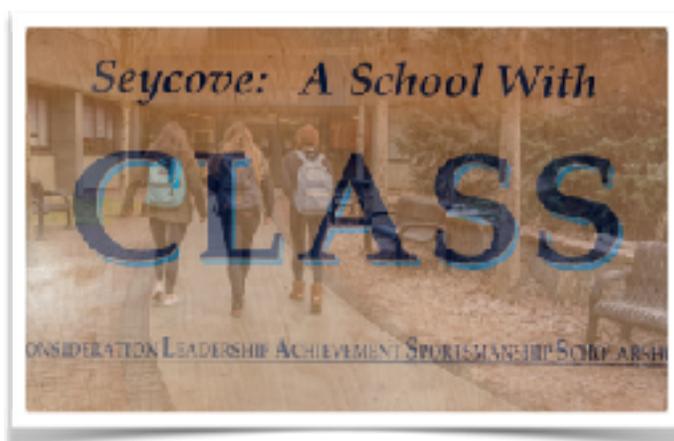
By Friday, Dec. 21

Plan created for  
implementation in  
the new year

## Action taken - 2018

This has been an ongoing issue, below are actions that were taken to address vaping in the 2017-2018 school year:

- Discussed at PAC meeting (April 2018)
- Discussed over lunch with a focus group of students (no real plan - action was to stress not on school property: announcements made)
- Newsletter and support documents to parents (May 2018)
- Guest speaker: Maya Bhogal from the Safe Schools Department - spoke about vaping and marijuana



**“Vaping is becoming increasingly popular, and now a vape pen that's small, discrete, and easy to use is taking over high schools”**

<https://www.businessinsider.com/juul-e-cig-vaping-health-effects-2018-3>

### **IN THE AGENDA BOOK - DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING AND E-CIGARETTES**

Students found using, possessing, or being with others involved with drugs (including marijuana or marijuana products) or alcohol at school or at school-sponsored events will be suspended. Such actions may include police involvement. Subsequent involvement in drugs or alcohol will require a re-entry plan to return to school. Any student found supplying drugs or alcohol to others will be suspended, and referred to an outside agency and/or the police.

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, effective September 1, 2016, the use of tobacco and vapour products is banned on all public and private K-12 schools in British Columbia. A person must not smoke, nor be with others involved in smoking or using tobacco products or e-cigarettes, nor hold lighted tobacco or activated e-cigarettes, in or on school property.

This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, and private vehicles parked on school property.

