

Seycove Newsletter #2

Special Edition

Seycove's Campaign against Vaping

As you are aware, last week we began a campaign focussing on the concerning rise in popularity of vaping at Seycove



Student safety is paramount. Vaping in schools is not just a Seycove issue. Over the past week it has become a nation-wide discussion, and has been identified by schools province-wide as a serious problem and a safety and health concern for all students.

Short Term Action Plan:

While there is no easy solution to this problem, here are just some of the steps we are taking in our ongoing campaign:

- At the PAC Meeting (Dec. 11) it was decided to begin a series of information sessions in the new year for our our parent community and our students with Maya Bhogal (Surrey School District Safe Schools Department)
- School staff began work (Tuesday, Dec 11th) on a school wide plan for student attendance, monitoring of hallway traffic, and monitoring bathroom use
- Students have been engaged in a statistics project to survey the prevalence of vaping at Seycove and study its implications, looking at using the information gathered to inform further action
- Students have been tasked to begin a poster campaign to educate the student body on the associated risks and consequences of vaping
- Administration have started work on a process to ensure that students are well informed of the consequences should they be found vaping on school property

- As part of our student education strategy, we will utilize the following educational resource package developed by Stanford University ... <https://med.stanford.edu/tobaccopreventiontoolkit/E-Cigs.html>. This will be used in particular, for those students who are found vaping on school property, as an expectation for completion while on suspension.
- We are compiling a set of resources for student, staff, and parent support which will be readily accessible on our school portal in the new year. The following are examples of what has already been posted to Seycove's Website:

1. "What you need to know to Talk to your kids about Vaping": <https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Documents/What-You-Need-to-Know-and-How-to-Talk-to-Your-Kids-About-Vaping-Guide-Partnership-for-Drug-Free-Kids.pdf>
2. Stanford Medicine "E-Cigarettes and Vape Pens" website: <https://med.stanford.edu/tobaccopreventiontoolkit/E-Cigs.html>
3. CBC News "The National" feature on vaping in schools: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/doctor-fears-future-epidemic-of-long-term-vaping-effects-1.4934521>
4. Canadian heart and Stroke Foundation article on E-Cigarettes in Canada: <https://www.heartandstroke.ca/-/media/pdf-files/position-statements/ecigarettesincanada.ashx>



FROM THE SEYCOVE 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.