



# ***Math, Science & Technology Community Charter School***

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Dear MaST Parents/Guardians:

Over the past two years, vaping has quickly become a national epidemic among teenagers. As a school, we have sent notices and resources in order to better equip everyone to address this growing issue. In an effort to continue to educate our students and community, we have teamed up with Pennsylvania Attorney General representative, Anthony Luker, for a series of student assemblies.

On September 19th, Mr. Luker will meet with each grade, 9-12, to discuss educational information and awareness surrounding the use of vaping. These presentations include real life scenarios, how these matters have affected the teen populous, and the consequences involved, both health-related and legal.

Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapor produced by an electronic vaporizer or e-cigarette. The vapor may contain nicotine, THC, and other substances. The vaporized liquids come in different flavors that may be colorless, odorless, or may smell fruity. For example, many flavors of these vape liquids are sweet and called names like bubblegum, cookies, and marshmallow. Originally, vaping was billed as a safer alternative to traditional smoking, but recent negative health effects have changed that perception (see the article below).

Please discuss these important topics with your children. Make sure that they are aware of the risks and the tactics some of these companies employ to market to children. Please also make sure students are aware that, per our Family Handbook, these products are strictly prohibited on school grounds.

Please review these informational links:

[https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/Electronic-Cigarettes-Infographic-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/Electronic-Cigarettes-Infographic-508.pdf)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/07/health/vaping-lung-illness.html>

Sincerely,

MaST Administration