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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Please accept this as a follow-up letter and reminder of our commitment to providing a world-class educational and life experience to the High Point Regional High School community. We remain resolute in our vision of excellence on every level of that experience, especially in the area of student wellbeing: we have committed increasing and desperately needed resources to student mental and physical health.

Our district goals reveal this vision of student wellbeing which is demonstrated in the following actions: we are in the process of installing vaping detectors in bathrooms throughout the building so as to be in effect in the fall of this school year; we remain committed to enforcing N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq., known as the *New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act*, which prohibits all smoking on school campuses – vaping falls under this legislation. Therefore, **High Point will file a complaint for each instance of vaping on our campus where persons found to be in violation of the Act are subject to fines and penalties established by the Act of \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.**

These actions are a direct result of the need to ensure student wellbeing by assertively addressing the harmful practice of vaping. We will not fail in our responsibilities toward the students of our community. Vaping continues to harm our students; vaping continues to compromise the lives of our students; High Point Regional High School is aggressively pursuing a vape-free student and staff educational and workplace environment.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of our community, our parents, our students, and our staff in cooperatively aligning our collective efforts to achieve this important, necessary, and life-saving goal. Please know that our purpose is to care for, love, inspire, and educate our students and to create a positive working environment for all staff; we thank all stakeholders for working together to achieve this result.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Ripley Ed.D.
Superintendent