



# School Board Briefing/Proposed Action Report

**Informational** (no action required by Board)     **Action Report** (Board will be required to take action)

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## **I. TITLE**

Amending Policy No. 4215, Tobacco-Free Environment    **For Introduction:** November 2, 2016  
**For Action:** November 16, 2016

## **II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

The School Board is the governing body with the authority to adopt, amend, and repeal policies for the District. Board action is therefore required.

## **III. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact for this policy revision.

The revenue source for this motion is N/A.

Expenditure:     One-time     Annual     Other Source

## **IV. POLICY IMPLICATION**

If approved, this action would amend Board Policy No. 4215, Tobacco-Free Environment.

## **V. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that the School Board amend Board Policy No. 4215, Tobacco-Free Environment, as attached to the Board Action Report.

## **VI. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

This motion was discussed at the Operations Committee meeting on October 20, 2016. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval.

## **VII. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This policy was first adopted in 2011 and received a non-substantive edit in 2014.

Recent legislation created Chapter 70.345 RCW, Vapor Products. This state law prohibits the possession of vapor products by persons under the age of eighteen, and prohibits the use of vapor

products in schools, within 500 feet of schools, and on school transportation. The policy is being updated to reflect these new restrictions.

The reference to King County Board of Health regulations was also removed from the policy as the state legislation now aligns with the county regulations, and so following of state law provides appropriate coverage.

In addition, based upon the Washington State School Directors' Association model policy, the language has been updated to call out that smoking in district vehicles is prohibited, and to provide more clarity around vapor devices and products.

### **VIII. STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

Whether to amend Board Policy No. 4215, Tobacco-Free Environment.

### **IX. ALTERNATIVES**

One alternative is to not amend the policy and to leave it as currently written. This is not recommended as the policy would not match current legislation and would not provide the clarity needed around the use of vaping devices to ensure students are aware of the prohibition of such devices.

### **X. RESEARCH AND DATA SOURCES / BENCHMARKS**

According to the 2014 Healthy Youth Survey, the self-reported rate of vaping among SPS high school students has tripled since 2012. Fifteen percent of our tenth grade students report using a vaporizing device in the past 30 days, compared to four percent in 2012. A comprehensive policy prohibiting tobacco/vape use is an essential component of our prevention efforts.

### **XI. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Upon approval of this motion, the amended policy will go into effect.

The draft amended policy was sent to Public Health - Seattle and King County's Tobacco Prevention Program, and their feedback was supportive of the update. The draft amended policy was also approved by SPS Drug/Alcohol Prevention Specialists, Healthy Youth Central Area Network coordinator, and King County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Division.

### **XII. ATTACHMENTS**

- Policy No. 4215 – Clean (for approval)
- Policy No. 4215 – Redline (for reference)