

Scarsdale Parent-Teacher Council Executive Committee & Legislative Advocacy Chairs
Resolution on Electronic Cigarettes and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) Regulations
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WHEREAS, e-cigarettes and other ENDS contain toxins, carcinogens and components harmful to humans, there is no regulatory oversight of the manufacturing process, and injuries and deaths have occurred from e-cigarettes and other ENDS and the liquid nicotine they use; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes and other ENDS contain nicotine. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, nicotine alters adolescent brain development and is toxic in high doses. According to the CDC, phone calls to poison control centers related to toxic levels of nicotine exposure from e-cigarettes and other ENDS increased more than 14 fold since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics, National Association of Attorneys General, American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and other organizations support e-cigarettes and other ENDS to be regulated. E-cigarettes and other ENDS were deemed to be harmful to youth and other individuals by the United States Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, E-cigarette use was up 78% among high school students and 48% among middle-school students from 2017 to 2018, according to the 2018 National Youth Tobacco Survey released by the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, in June 2018 Westchester County raised the legal age to purchase tobacco products, E-cigarettes, and ENDS to 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the NY State PTA supports the following actions for local PTAs:

1. Urge the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue regulations that will address the manufacturing, ingredients, advertising, marketing and sale of electronic cigarettes;
2. Seek and support legislation that would prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in public places;
3. Urge units and councils to educate youth, parents, school boards and local officials on the dangers of e-cigarettes; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Scarsdale Parent-Teacher Council Executive Committee & Legislative Advocacy Chairs strongly support the NY State PTA's statement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Scarsdale Parent-Teacher Council Executive Committee & Legislative Advocacy Chairs support efforts to educate the Scarsdale community on the dangers and laws surrounding the sale and use of ENDS, and supports efforts to limit or prohibit the sale of ENDS to individuals under the age of 21 years in and around Scarsdale.