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To Whom It May Concern:

Hardin County Schools, Elizabethtown Independent Schools and LaRue County Schools are cooperatively asking businesses that sell vaping products to place those products behind the counter. We also ask that you take all measures to prevent the sale of these products to individuals 18 years of age or under.

Growing problems are arising for young people who vape. These problems are becoming apparent within the walls of our schools. Children are starting to experiment with vaping and make a habit of vaping at younger ages than ever before. Children are finding ways to access vapes that are lined with extremely dangerous drugs like Fentanyl. Abuse of these products is leading to breathing problems, heart issues, mental fatigue, confusion, etc.

We truly appreciate our community partners at Baptist Health Hardin who have been sharing the dangers of vaping with our middle school students. Officers from all of our local police agencies and drug task forces are regularly speaking to students about the hazards of vaping and the consequences of criminal activity with vaping materials.

We are working with members of the Kentucky General Assembly to propose new laws that would bring severe consequences to businesses and individuals who sell vaping products to young people under 18 years of age.

HCS, EIS and LCS boards of education, administrators, staff members and students respectfully ask members of our business community to move all vaping products behind their counters and out of sight. We also request that your employees be trained and instructed to refrain from selling these products to minors. We also ask that landlords of commercial properties help support us in the endeavor.

We appreciate the businesses that already follow safe and proper practices and understand the substantial dangers to our children.

Respectfully,

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