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Action By:
Effective - July 1, 2012

TO: All Principals and Department Heads

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D. 
Chief Academic Officer

Michael J. Burke 
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SUBJECT: TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

In an effort to create a healthier environment for our students, employees, and visitors, the School District is implementing a comprehensive **Tobacco-Free Environment Policy (7.19)**. The revised policy, adopted by the School Board on April 18, 2012, prohibits all tobacco use by everyone, everywhere on district property, at all times, including school events after regular school hours, and including events away from school.

Our new comprehensive 100% tobacco-free policy will be effective on **July 1, 2012**. You may view this important policy through the District's website at www.palmbeachschools.org/policies. Please review and communicate to students, faculty, family members, volunteers and visitors at your school/facility the differences between the new policy and the old one, as there will no longer be any area of School District property designated for tobacco use.

This policy will be marked through signage around School District properties. More information and details on communicating this policy are available at <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/riskmgmt/tobaccofree.asp>. This information will be available to assist you in implementing the policy and will include sample letters to parents, information on the Florida Quitline or tobacco cessation resources, as well as instructions on how to handle violators. Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Clubs will also be hosting policy kick-off events at their respective schools.

We are committed to providing a healthy, safe learning and work environment for everyone. Tobacco use is the single leading cause of preventable death and disease. Your cooperation and support will be critical to help enforce this policy and keep our School District tobacco-free. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

EWG/JA/MJB/DH/MB/KBS

Approved: 
E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

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