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Dear Students and Parents of East Islip High School:

At East Islip High School, we are committed to educating our children in a safe and drug-free environment. To that end, we are working hard to eliminate the use of e-cigarettes, or "Vapes" as they are more commonly called. Unfortunately, some children are making poor choices and using these devices to ingest vapors that contain nicotine, THC (the drug found in marijuana) and other harmful chemicals.


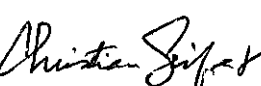

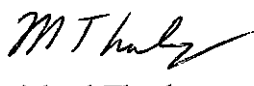
Between the changes of periods, we have identified the bathrooms as the main area that students go to "vape" in our building. In addition to harming themselves, students who are vaping in the bathrooms are creating an uncomfortable environment for our other students who are working hard to make good choices. Therefore, we are taking the following steps to prevent students from vaping in our bathrooms.

Starting on Monday, December 11th, all bathrooms will be locked five minutes before the end of each period and will reopen five minutes after the start of each period. This will prevent groups of students from congregating and engaging in harmful vaping behaviors during the change of periods. While open during the periods, teachers will continue to sign students in and out of the bathrooms. However, students will now be required to show their Student ID in order to gain access into the bathroom. Students who do not always remember to carry their school ID are encouraged to use their cellular phone to take a photograph of their ID, as the photographic image will be accepted to gain access to the bathrooms.

Please note that we are aware that there will be some "bumps in the road" as we begin the implementation of these new procedures. Rest assured, we will closely monitor the situation and make adjustments if and when necessary. However, it is imperative that we take these actions in order to maintain a safe and drug-free environment for all of our students.

We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and support!

Sincerely,

			
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