**GP VANIER VAPING AND SMOKING POLICY**

All public and private kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in B.C. are tobacco and vape-free under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation. This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, and private vehicles parked on school property. Under the regulation a person must not deal in, sell, offer for sale, distribute, provide, advertise or promote the use of tobacco or vapour products. It also states that a person must not smoke or use tobacco, or hold lighted tobacco/use an e-cigarette, or hold an activated e-cigarette, in or on school property.

If a student is found using an e-cigarette or tobacco or holding lighted tobacco or an activated e-cigarette on the school grounds (including the track/sports centre and surrounding forested areas), in violation of the act, the following progressive discipline cycle will apply:

**Step 1**
- Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
- Parents Contacted, education package #1, meet with Youth & Family Worker

**Step 2**
- Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
- Parents Contacted, education package #2, meet with Youth & Family Worker
- Lunchtime Detention

**Step 3**
- Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
- Parents Contacted, education package #3, meet with John Howard Outreach
- 1 Day Out of School Suspension

**Step 4**
- Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
- Parents Contacted, education package #4, meet with John Howard Outreach
- 3 Day Out of School Suspension

**Step 5**
- Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
- Parents Contacted, meet with John Howard Outreach
- Suspension to the Board of Education

*If this violation of the act happens inside the school buildings discipline will start at Step 4.*

*If the violation of the act includes providing, selling or distributing Tobacco or Vapour Products the discipline will start at Step 4.*

*Failure to hand over a vape will be considered failure to follow direction from staff and will be dealt with accordingly.*