



ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

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Dear Orchard View Community,

I'm reaching out today to address a concern that has recently come to our attention, and although it's not a message I expected to write as a school administrator, I feel it is a message that needs to be sent.

As the weather warms up and more windows are rolled down during school drop-off and pick-up times, we've received multiple reports of a strong odor of marijuana coming from vehicles on school property.

It is important for people to know that Orchard View Schools is a drug-free zone, and the possession or use of marijuana on school grounds is strictly prohibited. Additionally, Michigan law states:

- It is illegal for anyone—drivers or passengers—to smoke marijuana inside a vehicle.
- It is illegal for minors to be in a vehicle with a driver who may be under the influence of marijuana.
- It is illegal to drive while under the influence of marijuana.

Furthermore, in addition to following the expectations concerning marijuana, the district also asks that community members remember smoking and vaping are also prohibited on school grounds, including the parking lots, at any time.

The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families are always our top priority. We need everyone's cooperation to maintain a safe, respectful, and lawful environment at our schools. If this issue persists, we will have no choice but to involve law enforcement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your partnership in keeping our schools safe for everyone. As always, I can be reached by phone call or email if you would like to discuss the contents of this letter. My contact information is at the top of the letter.

Sincerely,


Jim Nielsen, Superintendent

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