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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
FROM: Dr. Julie Davis Lutz, Legislative Chair
SCSSA Legislative Committee
DATE: September 23, 2019
RE: Ban on Flavored Vaping Products

We write in support of the executive action to ban the sale of most flavored e-cigarettes in New York State. As the Legislative Committee for the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association, we wholeheartedly support your action.

Similar to other parts of the state, the use of tobacco products and vaping is a growing epidemic on Long Island and in our local communities. The number of students that are vaping and using e-cigarettes has risen dramatically over the past few years. We concur that the packaging of e-cigarette and vaping products, including the use of flavors attractive to children, is a catalyst for this epidemic. We believe that prohibiting the availability of such products, in addition to the other steps this emergency action will put into place, will help to reduce the interest of children in these products, and increase their overall health and well-being.

Thank you for your work to protect the health of children and citizens in New York State.

JDL/km
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