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Attention Parents and Students:

The Clearview Regional High School District Board of Education has authorized the use of **Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Devices** (more commonly referred to as "Breathalyzers") to screen students and school age guests for evidence of alcohol consumption. A copy of the Board policy follows this letter.

The Board of Education is dedicated to preventing the use of alcohol at dances, athletic contests, and other school-sponsored functions, and it is committed to protecting all students from the harmful effects of alcohol use.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office (856-223-2765). Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



John Horchak III
Superintendent

POLICY**Clearview Regional
Board of Education**

Section: Pupils

5535. PASSIVE BREATH ALCOHOL SENSOR DEVICE

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The Board of Education recognizes that a pupil's abuse of harmful substances seriously impedes that pupil's education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community. The Board is committed to the prevention of substance abuse and the rehabilitation of substance abusers by educational means, but will take additional necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and from exposure to harmful substances.

In keeping with its commitment to protect all pupils and the school community from the harm of alcohol use, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and designee(s) to use a passive breath alcohol sensor device (PBASD) to screen for evidence of breath alcohol. The Board authorizes PBASD screening of attendees before, during, and after school activities/events including, but not limited to: dances, athletic events, proms, class trips, drama productions, graduation ceremonies, or school assemblies. The Superintendent shall direct the use of these devices, so as to ensure consistency among all district schools. This device may also be used passively, i.e., detecting alcohol in open containers or in enclosed spaces such as rooms, lockers, vehicles, etc.

The purpose for using a PBASD is to protect pupils who may be under the influence of alcohol, other pupils, staff, and community members attending such events and to deter the use of alcohol by pupils. As PBASD implementation is intended primarily as a deterrent to pupil and youth alcohol use, nothing set forth in this policy precludes school district personnel from using the power of observation and professional judgment when there is reasonable suspicion of youth alcohol consumption. Procedurally, district personnel will not vary from the normal course of action outlined in policy when evidence of alcohol consumption is derived from either a PBASD reading or personal observation.

If the PBASD screening indicates the presence of alcohol on a Clearview Regional High School District pupil, the matter shall be reported to the Principal or designee, the school nurse or the school physician, and law enforcement according to the reporting, notification and examination requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3, and policy. District pupils suspected of alcohol consumption will be disciplined according to the discipline procedures outlined in policy. School age persons from other districts attending school and district sponsored events who are suspected of alcohol consumption will be reported to the Principal or designee, law enforcement, and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil. Additional consequences for district pupils found to be under the influence of alcohol at district events will include:

1. If under the influence at a formal dance (Homecoming, Junior Prom, Senior Prom):

Pupils in grades nine - eleven will be prohibited from attending all remaining formal dances for the remainder of the current year and all of the following year.

Pupils in grade twelve will be prohibited from attending all remaining dances and any remaining senior activities for the year, including the Senior Trip, the Senior Banquet and participation in the Graduation Ceremony.

2. If under the influence at an athletic event:

Pupils will be banned from attending all athletic events for the remainder of the year.

3. If under the influence at other school events/activities:

Pupils will be banned from additional school events as deemed appropriate by the Principal and/or designee.

The Board of Education shall provide notices to pupils, staff, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), guardians, community members and surrounding districts of this policy. Such notices shall include letters and website postings. The Superintendent shall also provide notice of this policy through pupil/faculty handbooks and pupil assembly programs.

N.J.S.A. 40A-12
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1 et seq.

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