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**Tobacco-Free Environment****Policy No. 402.6**

The Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), recognizes that all employees and students have a right to participate, work or learn in a tobacco-free environment. To that end, the Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), directs that smoking or holding lighted tobacco or using chewing tobacco is prohibited on grounds and in buildings and vehicles owned and leased by School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes).

While e-cigarettes do not burn tobacco, they contain nicotine which is extracted from tobacco and mixed with a chemical base. The Board therefore prohibits the use of e-cigarettes on its grounds, in buildings and in vehicles.

This ban applies to all user groups.

The Board may grant approval for exceptions involving the ceremonial use of tobacco performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or performed by a group for a purpose approved by government regulation.