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February 25, 2026  
Chair Bridget Ziegler  
Sarasota County School Board  
1960 Landings Blvd  
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Dear Members of the School Board,

On behalf of the City Commission of North Port, we write to express our strong support for the implementation and enforcement of a zero-tolerance vaping policy at North Port High School.

Student vaping continues to present serious public health and safety concerns that affect not only the school campus but the broader North Port community. The use of nicotine and vaping products poses well-documented risks to adolescent health, brain development, and long-term well-being. A clear and consistently enforced zero-tolerance policy reinforces the importance of student safety and accountability.

Such a policy provides clarity for students, parents, faculty, and staff by establishing uniform expectations and consequences. It also helps reduce disruptions to the learning environment; limits repeat offenses and supports teachers and administrators in maintaining a safe and focused campus.

The City Commission strongly encourages pairing enforcement with education and prevention initiatives, so students understand both the health risks associated with vaping and the reasoning behind school policies. Accountability combined with education is essential for long-term behavioral change.

We commend North Port High School's leadership for its commitment to student health and safety and respectfully urge continued support for a zero-tolerance vaping policy.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Demetrius Petrow  
On behalf of the City Commission

