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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 support for the installation and use of vape detection monitors at North Port High School as a proactive measure to address student vaping.

Vaping commonly occurs in areas that are difficult to supervise, such as restrooms and locker rooms, creating challenges for school staff while also raising concerns about student health and safety. Vape detection monitors provide a non-invasive, privacy-conscious tool that allows administrators to identify problem areas and respond appropriately without constant physical monitoring.

In addition to detection, these devices serve as a strong deterrent. When students are aware that vaping can be identified, incidents often decrease, reducing repeat violations and protecting non-vaping students from secondhand exposure. Vape monitors also allow school personnel to focus more on education and student support rather than enforcement alone.

The City Commission believes that investing in preventative technologies such as vape detection monitors demonstrates a forward-thinking commitment to campus safety, student wellness, and responsible use of resources. When used alongside a clear disciplinary policy and education efforts, these tools can significantly strengthen vaping prevention strategies.

We appreciate the leadership of North Port High School and respectfully encourage continued efforts to protect students using vape detection technology.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Demetrius Petrow  
On behalf of the City Commission

