

TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION

Traverse City Area Public Schools, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie Counties, Michigan (the "District").

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the District was held in the Tompkins Boardman Administration Center on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Flournoy Humphreys, Vice President.

Present: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Pack, Raymond

Absent: Newman-Bale

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Raymond and supported by Member Pack.

WHEREAS, underage use of alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs<sup>1</sup> are a problem affecting our community, our health, and our future. It exacts a significant toll on individuals and families, and places a costly tax burden on the community at large for law enforcement, medical services, and other social services involved in the prevention and treatment of underage alcohol, tobacco and/or recreational drugs; and

WHEREAS, underage use of alcohol, tobacco and/or recreational drugs may have severe consequences, many of which parents and caregivers may not be fully aware. Consequences of the above may include injury or death from accidents; overdoses and other adverse health effects up to an including death; unintended, unwanted, and unprotected sexual activity; academic problems, and further drug use; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers have a significant influence on young people's decisions about alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drug use by young people, especially when they create supportive and nurturing environments free of these substances; and

WHEREAS, alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drug use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, and community leaders who work with our young people every day are our best advocates for responsible decision-making; and

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<sup>1</sup> "alcohol" includes, but is not limited to, fermented beverages such as beer, wine and distilled liquors; "tobacco products" includes, but is not limited to, substances that can be smoked, vaped or applied such as snuff; "Recreational drugs" includes, but is not limited to, methamphetamines, marijuana, and any substance taken with its primary purpose being non-medically directed mood affects., including methamphetamines and marijuana.

WHEREAS, it is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their underage child or their child's underage friends to consume alcohol, tobacco, and/or recreational drugs in their home, even with the permission of the friends' parents; and

WHEREAS, adults have the authority and responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage consumption of alcohol, tobacco, and/or recreational drugs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Traverse City Area Public Schools of Grand Traverse County, a community committed to the PREVENTION of UNDERAGE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, and/or RECREATIONAL DRUG USE, does hereby proclaim that April 2024 is Social Host Responsibility Month. We also call upon all parents, family members, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access to alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs products to persons under the age of 21.


AYES: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Pack, Raymond

NAYS: None

Resolution declared adopted.

  
Josey Ballenger, Secretary  
Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the Traverse City Area Public Schools, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie Counties, Michigan (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Education meeting held on March 11, 2024, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

  
Josey Ballenger, Secretary  
Board of Education