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COMMUNITY OF PEACE ACADEMY POLICY No. 5.5.3 TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Community of Peace Academy recognizes that the use of tobacco and nicotine presents a health hazard to both the user and to persons subject to secondhand smoke. The purpose of this policy is to describe the Board's policy with respect to tobacco and nicotine use on school property and at extracurricular events.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

For the health and well-being of students, employees, and the public who visit Community of Peace Academy buildings and grounds, it is the policy of Community of Peace Academy to prohibit tobacco use.

III. TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

No person shall at any time smoke, chew, or otherwise ingest tobacco or a tobacco product in Community of Peace Academy. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that Community of Peace Academy owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or controls. For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco.

This prohibition includes the use of tobacco-free nicotine products, including but not limited to electronic cigarettes (e-cigs or e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery systems.

This prohibition also extends to Community of Peace Academy staff and students while at any school-sponsored function, regardless of whether the function takes place on school grounds. Violations of this prohibition will be subject to appropriate discipline.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §§144.411-144.417 (Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act)

Minn. Stat. Ann. §144.4165 (Tobacco products prohibited in public schools)