



August 22, 2019

Dear Oxford Families:

Welcome Back! We are excited for the 2019-2020 school year. The building renovations are being finished up and we will be ready to greet our students and families on Monday, August 26, 2019.

We need you to know that an update to the Youth Tobacco Act was passed into law. One section of the updated law states:

Subject to subsection (6), a minor shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Purchase or attempt to purchase a vapor product or alternative nicotine product.
- (b) Possess or attempt to possess a vapor product or alternative nicotine product.
- (c) Use a vapor product or alternative nicotine product in a public place.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office will handle any student found in violation of the law. Parents and students need to understand that the law is the first level of authority in our buildings. Fines, community service, and other consequences are now part of the legal system, above and independent of school discipline policies.

In addition to the changes in the law and the construction renovations, we have another exciting change this year. Oxford Community Schools has entered into an agreement with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit and will have dog(s) in and around the school buildings on a more regular basis this year. The trained sheriff dogs will search school buildings and grounds for anything that could be a threat to our students and staff, adding another layer of safety and security to our district.

The agreement allows Oxford Community Schools to schedule when, where, and how many dogs may be needed at any time. The K9 unit will primarily be at the high school and middle school, but are scheduled to be at the other buildings as well. We are anticipating a positive presence in all buildings.

Have a great weekend, we are supposed to have some of our best weather yet of the summer. See you Monday!

Go Wildcats!

Tim Throne
Superintendent

