TOBACCO-FREE

The College District shall be committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students, and visitors. In light of findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and that use of tobacco products are significant health hazards, the Board establishes a tobacco-free environment for the College District.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, “tobacco” shall be defined as any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, or any other smoking product, as well as any form of smokeless or spit tobacco also known as dip, chew, snuff, or snus.

“Tobacco-related” shall apply to the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol or motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other indicia of product identification that is identical to, similar to, or identifiable with those used for any brand of tobacco product or company that manufactures tobacco products.

PROHIBITION

The College District strictly prohibits the use, distribution, or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device, and the carrying of any lighted smoking instrument on all property and in all College District-owned, -rented, or -leased buildings or vehicles.

ENFORCEMENT

All College District employees, students, visitors, and contractors shall be expected to comply with this policy at all times. The Board or its designee shall establish uniform fines for violations and shall provide adequate means for the enforcement of this policy and the collection of assessed fines.

ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIPS

The College District shall not solicit or accept a grant, gift, or anything else of value from a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer whose principle business is tobacco products.

The College District shall prohibit all tobacco-related advertising or sponsorships on its property, at College District-sponsored events, or in publications produced by the College District.

EXCEPTION

An exception shall be permitted for advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by the College District and that is lawfully sold, bought, or distributed on College District property.

IMPLEMENTATION

The College President shall develop administrative regulations and procedures as necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification, signage, disciplinary consequences, complaint procedures, and enforcement.

The College District shall offer and promote prevention and education initiatives that actively support non-use of tobacco products and address the risks of all forms of tobacco use. Programs and

services that include practical evidence-based approaches to end tobacco use for students and employees who want to quit shall be offered and promoted as well.