

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRICT INCLUSION in
JUUL VAPING CLASS ACTION LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the Huntington Union Free School District (the "District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, technology costs, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Education (the "Board") has been invited to join a nation-wide class action lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, in joining this lawsuit as a class action plaintiff the District will incur no legal costs to pursue recompense of their damages, unless there is a recovery in the case, at which point legal costs shall be deducted from said recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

1. To appoint the law firms of Napoli Shkolnik, and McGrath Klaus and Associates, LLP and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above; and
2. To authorize the District Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts nationwide against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

Dated: _____, 2021

District Clerk