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Fwd: Alcohol on School Grounds

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Jenn, please add this to parent communications folder for tomorrows meeting.

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Good afternoon,

I saw that there is a discussion and vote related to the BES Bingo Night on tomorrow night's School Committee agenda, and I assume that includes a decision on whether to allow alcohol at the event.

Many parents are of the opinion that there is no place for alcohol at a school event, and the District's own wellness policy states:

"the district will provide a safe environment before, during, and after school and that all schools will be free of tobacco, nicotine delivery services including e-cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs."

I will be interested to hear arguments made in favor of dismissing that policy so as to allow alcohol at a school event, especially at an event at the school itself where children will be present.

Students being present and seeing their teachers drinking at a school event is an incredibly bad look, and teachers should certainly be discouraged from drinking alcohol on school grounds. At Pumpkinfest, at least 1 (former?) teacher was observed drinking alcohol in the presence of students.

If a group wants to have a fundraising event that includes serving alcohol, they should not do it on school grounds, nor should students be present at a District-approved event where their teachers are drinking alcohol.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,
Adam

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Michael Totman, Chair
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