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Dear Families,

As part of our Supervisory Union's tobacco education grant, we are pleased to be starting a Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) group for 5th and 6th grade students at Bethel Elementary. The goal of VKAT is to engage youth in advocating for a healthy community, specifically by preventing tobacco use among young people. This year's VKAT group will focus on the ways tobacco companies target youth through marketing. We will also explore ways to stay safe from secondhand smoke.

VKAT students will meet once a week during lunch and occasionally after school to create a "photo voice" project that uses pictures and videos to educate the community about tobacco marketing and secondhand smoke. This group is entirely voluntary and will not impact students' grades or school work.

Amelia Lincoln, SAP counselor, and Laurie Smith, Elementary Health Educator, will be leading Bethel's VKAT group. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation. We know that 5th and 6th graders can do amazing things when they work together to help others and we look forward to a wonderful year of VKAT!

Best,

Amelia Lincoln

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