



Tuba City Unified School District

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Dear Parents,

During the July 12, 2023, regular monthly TCUSD governing board meeting our board approved the use of drug sniffing dogs to address the vape and drug crisis within our community. Tuba City High School, Tuba City Junior High School and Nizhoni Accelerated Academy will be conducting K9 searches during the 2023-2024 school year. In reviewing our disciplinary data from last school year, we had a high number of infractions relative to marijuana and vape possession.

At the Junior High School, we saw a decrease in vape infractions and drug paraphernalia, after the two K9 searches that were conducted last school year. As a district, we are taking a proactive approach to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's principal, Dr. Melissa Bilagody or me. I can be reached at (928) 283-1000.

With Warrior Pride,

Sharlene Navaho

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