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BOE Hears Reasons To Go Tobacco Free 24/7

The Cleveland Board of Education listened to a presentation regarding a tobacco policy during its regular monthly meeting Monday evening at the school administration building.

The Pawnee Nation has a community health program called "REACH US" that would partner with the school district in implementing a policy to provide a clear and consistent message to students, employees, parents and guests about the benefits of a 24/7 tobacco-free school campus.

Speaking to the board were Debbie DeLozier, Christi Schultz and Jennifer Nunn.

With only a few changes in the wording of the school's current tobacco policy, the school campus could be designated as tobacco-free and this would enable the district to receive a higher score as a Certified Healthy School through the state as well as simply being a way to promote better health.

The ladies pointed out that setting an example for the students and getting them involved in healthy habits would also be a benefit from such a policy. Comments from both board members and Superintendent John Weaver indicated that the information provided would be reviewed and discussed with building administrators and that any changes in the school's current tobacco policy would be addressed at the board's July meeting.