

September 23, 2016

Gary Martin, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Hapeville Charter School and Career Academy

Dear Dr. Martin:

On behalf of the Georgia Parent Teacher Association, I want to congratulate you and your administration on the adoption of a comprehensive tobacco free policy for your schools. You have joined a group of 116 school districts and several charter schools around our state that have made a strong statement for the health and welfare of students and staff. This brings the number of youth that are protected by this type of policy to 1,463,322!

We encourage you to take advantage of the signage and technical assistance resources provided by the Department of Public Health to support your policy. Your continued support is needed to implement and enforce the policy. We encourage you to promote the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line (1-877-270-STOP) on your campus as a free cessation counseling service for all students, visitors, and staff.

Thank you for your commitment to reduce youth tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke in Georgia. We are excited about the Hapeville Charter Middle School and Hapeville Charter School and Career Academy being the 6th charter schools in the state with the 100% Tobacco Free Schools Policy. Your leadership will continue to promote positive social change in communities across the state.

Sincerely,

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