



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.
9333 W. Lincoln Avenue, West Allis, WI 53227
Superintendent's Office

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE November 12, 2009
TO: Kurt D. Wachholz, District Administrator
FROM: Shelly Strasser, Coordinator of Recreation
RE: Smoking in City Parks during Youth Recreation Events

On behalf of the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department staff and participants, I would like to ask for your assistance in working with us and the City of West Allis Officials to develop measures to combat smoking around youth during Recreation Department programs in the City parks of Liberty Heights, McKinley, Klentz, and Reservoir.

Our staff has experienced smoking at City facilities on numerous occasions. They have been approached by parents and other community members regarding these situations and on what we can do about it. Our staff has informed community members that to our knowledge there currently are no city ordinances prohibiting this behavior. It is difficult to communicate to community members why this behavior is allowed on city property but not on school district property.

We feel it is in the best interest of our young participants and there families to be able to provide a smoke-free environment during all Recreation Department programs including those held at City of West Allis facilities. I look forward to discussing this with you and working with you and City officials to combat the use of tobacco products around children during Recreation Department programs.

Thank you for your consideration.