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Flavored tobacco sales in Maine are increasing the use of tobacco and THC products in teens. I work in a Middle and High school setting as a nurse. The increase in vaping by these age groups in School is alarming. The kids talk to me: they tell me that the flavors "taste great" and have little tobacco in them. They can "hide" the vaping and do it frequently on the way to school, in the school bathrooms.. everywhere. We have students who actually see these flavored products to other students daily.

These products are a huge favorite of youth in Maine.. before they know it they are addicted to tobacco and the THC use is the beginning of continued and increased drug use in many of these teens. Please stop the sales of these flavored products. It is way more of a problem than most realize.