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City of Aliquippa Endorses School District's Updated Drug & Alcohol Awareness Policy

Aliquippa, PA — The Mayor and City Council of the City of Aliquippa have formally announced their full support for the Aliquippa School District's updated Drug & Alcohol Awareness Policy for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers.

The policy strengthens prevention efforts, enhances student safety, and prioritizes early intervention. It includes pre-season testing, random in-season testing, and reasonable-suspicion testing conducted by certified professionals and SAMHSA-approved laboratories. Importantly, the policy emphasizes education over punishment for first-time violations, stating that the goal is "to educate the student, address potential risk factors early, and prevent future substance use."

Mayor Dwan B. Walker praised the District's leadership:

"This policy reflects the best of who we are as a community — proactive, supportive, and committed to our young people. The City stands firmly behind the District in this effort."

City Council echoed this support, noting that the policy protects student privacy, promotes accountability, and reinforces the values of responsibility and wellness.

The City of Aliquippa looks forward to continued collaboration with the School District to ensure a safe, healthy, and opportunity-rich environment for all students.

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