



## STUDENTS WITH A GOAL 2011

**SWAG** is working with students in our communities to educate about the dangers of secondhand smoke and the need for smoke-free environments.

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Cigarettes have over 200 poisons. Forty cause cancer. The secondhand smoke from cigarettes is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

Comprehensive smoke-free workplace policies reduce tobacco-related illnesses and the costs of treating them. Smoke-free policies enable children, the elderly, and people with certain health conditions to go about their lives without worrying that their health will be put at risk. Nonsmoking sections and ventilation systems don't eliminate exposure and even the best ventilators are incapable of removing the dangers of secondhand smoke.

A number of economic studies show that comprehensive smoke-free workplace policies have no negative impact on businesses and have many benefits including improving the health of workers, decreasing absenteeism, reducing janitorial and maintenance costs, lowering insurance rates and resulting in fewer smoking-related fires.

Support **SWAG**. If you would like more information about tobacco-free issues in your school district and community please fill out and sign the form.

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