

## **PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE ON QUESTAR III PROPERTY**

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services OF Rensselaer, Columbia, and Greene Counties seeks to promote equitably the health and welfare of all those involved in Questar III programs, activities, and services. The Board is especially concerned to foster the health and welfare of students, and seeks to do so in part by assuring the establishment of a healthy learning environment, and by supporting and encouraging suitable role modeling for students by Questar III employees.

Therefore, in order to secure these aims, and to comply with the requirements of the federal Pro-Children Act of 1994 and the New York Clean Indoor Air Act, as amended, the Board establishes that smoking and other use of tobacco or tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times on school grounds and at all Questar III activities involving students.

For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" shall mean: any building, structure, and surrounding outdoor grounds contained within Questar III's legally defined property boundaries as registered in the County Clerk's office; any vehicle used to transport children or school personnel; and any other real property or facility owned, leased, or rented by Questar III, or under the authority of the Board for the conduct of any aspect of the business of Questar III. The term "smoking" shall mean the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco.

The terms and conditions established herein shall take effect immediately.

This policy shall be posted prominently in the Central Office of Questar III, and notice of this prohibition shall be posted prominently on property under the control of the Board and Questar III.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Health Law, the Board designates the District Superintendent as an agent to be responsible for informing individuals who are smoking in violation of this policy that they are acting in violation of this policy and of the statutes cited herein, and to take such other steps as may be needed in order to assure compliance with this policy. The District Superintendent may delegate her/his authority hereunder as necessity requires.