



# School District No. 60

## PEACE RIVER NORTH

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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### Legalization of Cannabis in BC

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, cannabis legalization for recreational use comes into effect across Canada on October 17, 2018. It is important to understand what this means in the school context. The BC government's Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (CCLA) and Cannabis Distribution Act regulate how cannabis may be sold, distributed, and consumed in British Columbia, once legalized. The proposed legislation includes significant restrictions aimed at **preventing access to cannabis by minors under age 19:**

- Cannabis cannot be consumed **by anyone** (students, adults) on school property.
- Cannabis cannot be smoked or vaped anywhere where tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, including a workplace, vehicle, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skatepark, **or other places where children commonly gather**, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop.
- Cannabis cannot be sold, supplied, or allowed to be consumed, by minors.
- Offences may result in a fine ranging from \$2000 to \$100,000, imprisonment of three to twelve months, or both.

While there is ongoing research on the side effects of consuming cannabis, there is irrefutable evidence that it adversely affects brain development in young people. Additional side effects may include; exposure to cancer-causing chemicals, impaired learning, psychotic disorders, cardiovascular effects, impaired memory and impairment in the operation of motor vehicles.

In the interests of protecting children and observing the law, district personnel require strict adherence to these restrictions at school facilities.

Sincerely,

Stephen Petrucci  
Assistant Superintendent

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