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Dear Langley School District Families:

Re: Cannabis Legalization

As you are likely aware, the Cannabis Act came into effect October 17, 2018 legalizing recreational cannabis (marijuana) in Canada. In British Columbia, 19 is the minimum age to possess, consume, produce, supply or attempt to purchase cannabis products or cannabis accessories in any form.

For schools, the legalization of cannabis changes very little. Cannabis is still illegal for anyone under 19, and remains a controlled substance, not unlike alcohol. The Langley School District [Code of Conduct](#) continues to apply to illegal or restricted substances and cannabis products are still not permitted in Langley schools. Intoxication or impairment as a result of consuming any controlled substance is still prohibited. Cannabis cannot be consumed, smoked or vaped anywhere tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited. This includes: a workplace, vehicle, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skate park, or other places where children commonly gather, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop.

Important Things to Know About Cannabis

- **Cannabis cannot be sold, supplied or permitted to be consumed by anyone under 19; it is still illegal for anyone under 19.**
- **Cannabis products cannot be consumed on any School District property.**
- **Impairment or intoxication is not permitted on school property.**
- **Cannabis can cause damage to a developing brain and families should learn about the health implications of cannabis use.**

Helpful resources for families:

- www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/district-code-of-conduct-dress-guidelines/
- For information on cannabis and cannabis laws, please visit: <https://cannabis.gov.bc.ca> or <https://Canada.ca/cannabis>
- www.heretohelp.bc.ca/workbook/cannabis-use-and-youth-a-parents-guide
- www.letstalkcannabis.ca

If you have any further questions about how cannabis legalization is being addressed in Langley schools, please contact your school administrator.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools