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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are aware through media coverage, effective October 17, 2018, the Federal Cannabis Act permits Canadians to purchase, grow, and possess cannabis and related products for recreational purposes.

The BC government has enacted the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (CCLA) as well as the Cannabis Distribution Act, which regulate how cannabis may be sold, distributed, and consumed in British Columbia. **The legislation includes significant restrictions aimed at preventing access to cannabis by people under the age of 19, including:**

- **Cannabis cannot be consumed in school buildings or on school property, or within a prescribed distance.**
- **Cannabis cannot be smoked or vaped in a vehicle or anywhere where tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, including a workplace, playground or other park, sports field, skate park, 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, in addition to a variety of other measures to prohibit and prevent access of cannabis to minors.**

School District staff are tasked with fostering a safe and effective learning environment for a vulnerable population. Public school administrators, teachers, and support staff act as role models for K-12 students.

Rocky Mountain School District Policy 5800 (District Code of Conduct for Students) is already compliant with this new legislation as the Policy prohibits “any intoxicant, mood changing, mind altering, or behaviour altering drug, chemical or substance”. The scope of the Policy extends beyond school premises/grounds to any school-related activity such as a field trip. As well, Policy 5180 prohibits using e-cigarettes (vaping) anywhere on school property or in connection with school activities. If you have questions or require further information, please contact your school Principal or the Office of the Superintendent.

For further information please see:

Cannabis Act: <http://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-45/royal-assent>

Cannabis Control and Licensing Act:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/bills/billscurrent/3rd41st:gov30-1>

Cannabis Distribution Act:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/bills/billscurrent/3rd41st:gov31-1>

Sincerely,

Paul Carriere
Superintendent of Schools

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