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Memorandum

To: Swan Valley School District (SVSD) Parents
From: Mat McRae, Superintendent
Date: December 6, 2018
RE: Michigan Marijuana Law

Legalization:

Michigan voters approved the legalization of recreational marijuana use on November 6, 2018. That does not mean Michiganders could start using immediately. The board of canvassers must certify the election results and then another ten (10) days must pass before the legalization takes effect. News sources dated 11.19.18 indicate that legalization is effective December 6, 2018, although further restrictions exist—including sale and possession. Please note, marijuana remains an illegal substance as a Schedule I under the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 811). Additionally, local municipalities may further regulate marijuana. The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act of 2008 remains in effect. The SVSD is not endorsing or providing legal advice about personal use of marijuana. **The new law regulating personal possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes in Michigan also specifically prohibits possessing marijuana accessories or possessing or consuming marijuana on the grounds of a public school and in a school bus.**

Swan Valley School District:

SVSD Board of Education Policy (5350) maintains that marijuana or other THC or CBD substances are illegal substances and/or controlled substances.

The term illegal drug means drugs and controlled substances, the possession or use of which is unlawful, pursuant to Federal, State, and/or local laws and regulations.

As marijuana is still illegal under federal law, it remains an “illegal drug” under district policy and therefore is strictly prohibited in all forms from district facilities and grounds. The SVSD remains a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free zone. Substances containing marijuana, THC, or CBD will remain prohibited for use, sale, manufacture, or possession on school grounds by staff, parents, or students. This prohibition includes edibles and topical substances, such as oils or lotions. **There is no circumstance in which it will be acceptable to possess, use, or be under the influence of marijuana on district property or while attending the district. Possession includes storage in a personal vehicle.**