



RESOLUTION

Opposing Recreational Marijuana and Psychoactive Substances in Our Community September 28, 2022

WHEREAS, the safety of the children of D49 is of paramount concern to the D49 Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Proposition 122: Access to Psychedelic Substances, a.k.a “Magic Mushrooms” is on the ballot for the general election this November; and

WHEREAS, in that same election, voters in the city of Colorado Springs will consider a ballot measure that would legalize the sale of recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, neither of these measures will enhance the safety of our children, and harm is already happening to our kids from the ready availability of other drugs; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the board of education of District 49 to partner with parents and other concerned community members to advocate in the interests of the children of our community, and

WHEREAS, increased access to high-potency and psychoactive substances is especially risky for the youth of our community as demonstrated conclusively by medical research summarized as:

Recreational Marijuana. Should this ballot initiative pass, D49 students will likely experience increased exposure to higher potency THC. Our students’ safety is this board’s top priority and the science indicates that high potency THC impacts the developing brain of our youth and adolescence. Just a few very concerning examples of this impact according to the science is...

- increased risk of psychotic symptoms and/or psychotic disorders
- evidence of altered connectivity in brain pathways,
- IQ point loss
- uncontrolled and repetitive vomiting
- cannabis use disorder/dependence

<https://www.verywellmind.com/marijuana-use-by-teens-statistics-2610207>

Psychedelic Substances, a.k.a “Magic Mushrooms” Again, grave concerns that should Proposition 122 pass, D49 students will be exposed to hallucinogens - currently prohibited and illegal, and per the the Controlled Substance Act and DEA, a Schedule 1 Drug. Proliferation into or D49 schools is a real risk by increased availability should Proposition 122 pass. If consumed, our students risk very dangerous experiences such as...

- Panic reactions and psychotic-like episodes
- hallucinations or an inability to discern fantasy from reality
- Nausea, vomiting, muscle weakness, and lack of coordination

<https://pacifictreatment.com/substance-abuse-and-drug-addiction/dangers-of-mushroom-use-in-teens/>

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the District 49 Board of Education, do hereby oppose both Proposition 122 as well as the measure to permit the sale of recreational marijuana in Colorado Springs and we recommend that all voters in our community vote NO on both of these ballot measures.

Approved and adopted this 28th day of September 2022

John Graham, Board President

District 49

(SEAL) Attest:

Lori Thompson, Board Secretary