## media statement

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## **CBE** Statement Regarding Cannabis Legalization

Statement from David Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools:

Thank you for joining us today to talk about how the legalization of cannabis will affect CBE students and staff, and how our administrative regulations have changed to reflect this.

- We currently have administrative regulations in place that govern student conduct, employee conduct and a smoke-free environment.
- We have updated these to reflect current legislation but the expectation is the same: students arrive -- and remain -- fit and ready to learn, and employees arrive -- and remain -- fit and ready to perform work.
- We believe our regulations align with the new legislation but will continually review to ensure they meet the requirements.
- As mentioned, three administrative regulations will guide our response to cannabis.
  - Student cannabis use at school is unacceptable as per the student code of conduct, even for students 18 and older. Unacceptable behaviour includes use, possession, distribution, or collection of money for illicit drugs, cannabis, cannabis-infused products, alcohol, or inhalants in school, on school board property or in the context of any school-related activity.

If a student is required to use a prescribed medication including medical marijuana during school hours, the parents, student and school must follow the steps outlined in the Student Health Services administrative regulation.

- Employees are required to follow our employee code of conduct. This states that employees shall not be under the influence of, or provide others with alcohol, cannabis, cannabis-infused products or illegal drugs while on work premises or performing work related duties. Also, this regulation requires that employees report to work fit to conduct their duties.
- All facilities and property owned and operated by the CBE are smoke-free environments. This includes smoking, vaping and other forms of inhalants.

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