



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

October 16, 2018

Subject: Legalization of recreational cannabis

Dear parents and guardians,

As you know, the legalization of recreational cannabis in Canada for **people aged 18 years of age** and over becomes effective tomorrow, October 17. The school board is currently updating its policy on the use of tobacco to include alcohol and drugs in order to comply with Canadian and Québec laws on the use of recreational cannabis in a school environment.

As part of its mission, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to provide its students, employees and the general public with a **healthy and safe environment** that is conducive to student success within the framework of the current laws.

For this reason, we wish to inform you that **possession and consumption of cannabis are strictly prohibited, at all times, on school board premises** (i.e., our schools, centres and administrative centre).

The school board will not tolerate any person (including students) to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school board premises.

Rest assured that we shall continue our **efforts to educate our students** on drug consumption. Several online resources are available for parents. Here are a few:

- [Regulation of Cannabis in Québec](#)
- [Drug-free Kids Canada](#)
- [Cannabis Talk Kit – How to Talk With Your Teen](#) (PDF document)
- [Parlez-vous cannabis?](#) (PDF document) (available in French only)
- <https://smh-assist.ca/wp-content/uploads/WEB-Cannabis-Information-Document-SMHA-CAMH-ENGLISH.pdf>

We must continue to work together as partners to raise our students' awareness on the risks related to drug consumption.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the principal of your child's school.

Sincerely,

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