

Brighton Area Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, permitting commercial marijuana businesses or dispensaries in a community results in increased youth access and sends youth a message that marijuana is a safe drug (National HIDTA Reports); and

WHEREAS, there is compelling evidence that allowing commercial marijuana enterprises (medical and/or recreational) in communities leads to dramatic increases in youth marijuana use (Pedersen et. al, National HIDTA Reports); and

WHEREAS, marijuana potency has increased significantly over past decades with marijuana extracts ranging from 50% to 80% THC, the addictive chemical in the drug (National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIDA); and

WHEREAS, marijuana use negatively affects the developing teen brain, diminishing the ability to learn (NIDA); and

WHEREAS, youth marijuana use is strongly associated with academic underperformance (NIDA, Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey, 2018); and

WHEREAS, one in 6 youths that use marijuana become addicted to it (NIDA); and

WHEREAS, legalized marijuana results in markedly increased drug violations at school (Rocky Mountain HIDTA, 2018, SAM <https://learnaboutsam.org>); and

WHEREAS, youth marijuana use can worsen depression and can lead to serious mental health issues (NIDA); and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Michigan state ballot Proposal 1 allows municipalities to determine whether commercialized marijuana businesses will be allowed in their jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the Board of Education for the Brighton Area Schools requests that the elected leaders of the City of Brighton, Brighton Township, Genoa Township, Green Oak Township and Hamburg Township help protect our students from the negative consequences of marijuana use by prohibiting marijuana businesses in their jurisdictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

this resolution, having been adopted by the Brighton Area Schools Board of Education, be made a permanent part of the records of this School District.