

Fraser Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, permitting commercial marijuana businesses 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 (Monitoring the Future, 2019, National HIDTA Reports); and

WHEREAS, after permitting commercial enterprises in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and the District of Columbia (Washington, DC), past-month use of the drug in all 5 jurisdictions has continued to rise above the national average among youth aged 12–17 (National Survey on Drug Use and Health [NSDUH] 2006-2017); and

WHEREAS, marijuana potency has increased significantly with some confiscated samples being 4 times more potent than in past decades and 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 recently passed 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 Fraser Public Schools requests that the elected leaders of the Charter Township of Clinton, Roseville, and Fraser help protect our students from the negative consequences of marijuana use by prohibiting commercialized marijuana businesses in their jurisdictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

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