

Resolution

PROPOSED COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA IN RICHLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS: On November 7, 2023, the majority of the electorate of the State of Ohio adopted Issue 2 enacting Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780 wherein the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow and use of recreational marijuana by adults over the age of 21 is permitted; and....

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health, Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, and World Health Organization have all determined that marijuana is an addictive drug and can produce dependency and withdrawal; and....

WHEREAS, Since 2007, drug overdoses have been a leading cause of injury death in Ohio, and 33,000 Ohioans have died of drug overdoses between 2011 and 2020; and....

WHEREAS, Marijuana is a "gateway" drug, and regular use can irreversibly reduce intelligence, memory, and learning ability; and....

WHEREAS, The increased availability of marijuana from legalization correlates with an alarming increase in emergency room visits for children due to marijuana ingestion, particularly by the youngest children; and....

WHEREAS, The human brain continues to develop until approximately the age of 25, and regular marijuana use during adolescence and up to this age can change the way the brain functions in adulthood, risking impacts to academic performance, IQ, and behavior; and....

WHEREAS, Marijuana use in adolescence is associated with an increased risk of psychosis, a severe mental disorder characterized by distorted thinking and a loss of touch with reality, as well as depression and suicide; and....

RESOLVED, That we, the board members of Mansfield Christian School conclude that it is in our community's best interests to prevent unacceptable threats and risks to the health of our citizens, especially children, to prevent dangers in the learning environment and be it further....

RESOLVED, That we, the board members of Mansfield Christian School agree to pass a resolution on the date June 11, 2024, supporting the prohibition of any business inside of Richland County involving the cultivation, processing or retail of marijuana, and in so doing preserve and protect our community's high quality of life, and the health and safety of our employees and students; and be it further....

RESOLVED, that the school board of education secretary send a copy of this resolution electronically to the Mansfield City Council Clerk at dweiner@ci.mansfield.oh.us and the Assistant Clerk at lames-ross@ci.mansfield.oh.us.



Mr. Jason Guilliams, MCS Board President

Date: 6/11/24



Dr. Cy J. Smith, MCS Superintendent

Date: 6/11/24

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