

## NOTICE REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

In the 2018 legislative session, the Colorado legislature passed HB 18-1286 to permit a school district to authorize school personnel designated by agreement between the principal or his/her designee and a parent/legal guardian to administer medical marijuana on school grounds, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event.

Consistent with the statute's requirements, the District's administrative leadership team has considered the statute and has determined that it will **not** recommend a change to Board Policy JLCDB at this time. Board Policy JLCDB does not allow school personnel to administer medical marijuana on school grounds, on a school bus, or at school-sponsored events. Staff will continue to monitor any changes in state and federal law which may impact the matter. Board Policy JLCDB can be found here [[link to Policy JLCDB](#)].

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO RE: MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

In the 2016 legislative session, the Colorado Legislature passed and the Governor signed HB 16-1373, now codified as C.R.S. § 22-1-119.3, permitting the administration of medical marijuana on school grounds, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event by a primary caregiver.

In response to that statute, the Board of Education adopted Board Policy JLCDB outlining permissible administration of medical marijuana for students of the District on school grounds, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event.

In the 2018 legislative session, the Colorado legislature passed HB 18-1286, amending C.R.S. § 22-1-119.3 and permitting the administration of medical marijuana on school grounds, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event by "school personnel", a term defined as school personnel designated by agreement between the principal or his/her designee and a parent or legal guardian.

The statute has been discussed among members of the District's administrative leadership team after input and feedback from school leaders. After thorough consideration, including considering the viewpoints of groups within the District who had advocated on behalf of allowing medical marijuana to be administered by school personnel, the District's administration has determined that it will not be recommending a change to Board Policy JLCDB at this time.

The reasons for this administrative decision include the following:

- Marijuana remains designated as an illegal controlled substance under federal law; and
- Board Policy JLCD provides that medication can only be administered at each school by a school nurse or by his or her legal delegate in compliance with the Colorado Nurse Practice Act.

Consistent with the statute's requirements, the District will be placing a notice upon its website informing members of the public of this recommendation not to change Board Policy JLCDB.