

## **ALCOHOL- AND CANNABIS-FREE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **Background**

While the District recognizes that the use of alcohol and the use of cannabis by persons nineteen (19) years of age or older is legal in this province, the District remains very concerned about the societal costs of substance abuse, and it is concerned by the influence that substances have on the lives of children and adolescents. The District thus feels that it is not serving its students well to appear to be condoning or supporting the use of alcohol and/or cannabis in its school buildings or grounds, whether used by persons 19 years of age or older or others.

### **Procedures**

1. The serving of alcohol or use of cannabis is not approved by the District in school buildings or on school grounds. Requests to use school buildings and/or grounds for social purposes may be approved in accordance with normal procedures only if the serving of alcohol and/or the use of cannabis are/is not involved.
2. To assist students to realize that alcohol and/or cannabis are/is neither a healthy nor necessary part of social activities, requests for the rental of space within school buildings and/or grounds shall be routinely refused if the activities in that space will involve the serving of alcohol or the use of cannabis.
3. On special request, the Secretary-Treasurer may allow the serving of alcohol at a community event, provided appropriate licensing is obtained by the renting agency.

Legal references:            *School Act*, ss 6, 17, 20, 22, 26, 65, 76, 85  
                                      *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015  
                                      *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2018  
                                      Regulation 265/89

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