

**TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 808**

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees
Opposing Youth Access to Marijuana**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Twin Rivers Unified School District (the "District") is committed to safeguarding the wellness of each student in the District;

WHEREAS, marijuana is addictive, particularly for youth;¹

WHEREAS, marijuana use is harmful to the developing brain and can impair long term cognitive ability;²

WHEREAS, there exists both epidemiologic and preclinical data suggesting that adolescent use of marijuana can increase an individual's susceptibility to drug abuse and addiction to other drugs later in life;³

WHEREAS, marijuana use has been linked to increased risks to cardiovascular health;⁴

WHEREAS, marijuana use has been linked to increased risk of respiratory illness;⁵

WHEREAS, teenagers who participate in regular marijuana use can be subject to increased chances of developing psychosis or schizophrenia;⁶ and

WHEREAS, California Business and Professions Code section 26054 and Sacramento City Code section 17.228.920 bar marijuana retail businesses from being located within 600 feet of a school;

WHEREAS, location of marijuana retail businesses or cultivation centers close to our school sites and residential areas, even if within the parameters of the law, may have a negative impact on the neighborhood character, community safety, and the environment where our students live; and

WHEREAS, there are currently six marijuana dispensaries located within the boundaries of the District, four in area 7 and 2 in area 6, and located within less than one and a half miles of one another.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges the public health risks posed by youth access to marijuana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the decrease in marijuana dispensaries in concentrated areas for the purpose of preventing marijuana use and exposure to dispensaries by minors, and thus preventing the negative consequences to their health and to public safety that would follow.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January 2020 by the Board of Trustees of the Twin Rivers Unified School District by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Michelle Rivas
President of the Board of Trustees
Twin Rivers Unified School District

CERTIFICATION

State of California)
) ss.
County of Sacramento)

I certify the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Twin Rivers Unified School District at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Dated: January 28, 2020

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Dr. Steven Martinez
Superintendent

¹ Volkow, Nora D. "Letter From the Director." *National Institute on Drug Abuse*.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana/letter-director>. See also;

Volkow, Nora D., et al. "Adverse Health Effects of Marijuana Use." *The New England journal of medicine*, 2014.

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² Meier, Madeline H. et al. "Persistent cannabis users show neuropsychological decline from childhood to midlife." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 2012.

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³ Volkow, Nora D., et al. "Adverse Health Effects of Marijuana Use." *The New England journal of medicine*, 2014.

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⁴ Thomas, Grace, Robert A. Kloner, and Shereif Rezkalla. "Adverse cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, and peripheral vascular effects of marijuana inhalation: what cardiologists need to know." *The American journal of cardiology*.

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⁵ Polen MR, et al. "Health care use by frequent marijuana smokers who do not smoke tobacco." *West J Med*.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/8337854>

⁶ MacDonald, Ann. Teens who smoke pot at risk for later schizophrenia, psychosis. *Harvard Health Blog*, 2011.

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/teens-who-smoke-pot-at-risk-for-later-schizophrenia-psychosis-201103071676>