



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware, the State of Illinois has enacted laws regarding the legalization of cannabis which went into effect on January 1, 2020. Specifically, these are the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) and Ashley's Law. I wanted to take a moment to share information about these laws and how they relate to District 127.

First, the CRTA legalizes the recreational use of cannabis by individuals who are over the age of 21 in Illinois. However, cannabis possession and usage will continue to be prohibited on or near school grounds or school buses by anyone per [Board Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct School Property](#) and [Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior](#). Please review these policies so that you understand the District's position regarding cannabis on school property.

Second, Ashley's Law, which was originally passed into law in Illinois in 2018, allows students who are registered qualifying patients to use cannabis-infused products under certain conditions. Ashley's Law has the following significant amendments affecting schools:

1. School administrators and/or school nurses have been added to the list of individuals who may administer cannabis-infused products to a student who is a registered qualifying patient.
2. The areas/times where cannabis-infused products can be given has been expanded to include while the student is on school premises, during any before or after school programming, on school buses and vehicles, and at school-sponsored activities.
3. Students who are registered qualifying patients can self-administer the product if authorized by the school district, under the supervision of a school nurse or an administrator, and when a registered qualifying student's parent/guardian provides written authorization for its use, along with a copy of the registry identification card of the student and the parent/guardian or other individuals' (designated caregiver's) card.

Board policy [7:270 Administering Medications to Students](#) will be updated to reflect the changes in Ashley's Law. The legalization of cannabis is a significant change and will bring with it significant challenges for schools. I want to ensure that all District 127 parents understand the expectations and policies governing students and visitors while on school property and/or attending school events. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mikkel Storaasli".

Mikkel Storaasli
Superintendent