



August 28, 2019

Mayor Steve Chirico and City Councilmen  
City of Naperville  
400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

Dear Mayor Chirico and Naperville City Councilmen,

Indian Prairie School District 204's Board of Education appreciates the opportunity to provide input to city officials on the sale of recreational marijuana. With the very short timeframe given, board members are unable to provide in-depth feedback, as we have not had the opportunity to consult with experts in this area or reach out to school districts across the country to learn of their challenges when faced with the same issue.

Given that our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of the 27,000 students we serve each day, our cursory feedback is cautionary with concerns over how this will impact our students. While it will remain illegal for our students to purchase recreational marijuana, we have concerns that the increased availability in our community may lead to potential issues at school. In the past several years, the school district has seen an increase in vaping incidents, raising issue whether these incidents will become more prevalent with easier access. While more than two dozen states have legalized marijuana, medical evidence points to the fact that the drug is not risk free in young people whose brains are still developing. With easier access to recreational marijuana in our community, what will be the long-term cognitive impact on our youth who use the drug? With this in mind, it is critical that close regulation is put in place and enforced to ensure access to marijuana is restricted per Illinois law to people who are 21 or older in order to minimize the potential impact on our youth.

On behalf of the board, thank you in advance for considering our initial feedback and concerns. Please contact me if you have any questions or want to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Raczak", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Raczak  
President

Cc: IPSD204 Board of Education  
Karen Sullivan, Superintendent