

Impact to Davis Joint Unified School District

Impacts of Cannabis to student health, academics and safety:

Although the passage of Proposition 64 does not allow cannabis usage for teens, we have found over the past five years at DJUSD that more students are using cannabis on a regular basis and this adversely impacts their health, academic achievement, and social relationships. We would like to propose that a portion of any tax revenue from cannabis-related business be given to DJUSD and earmarked for drug/alcohol counseling, prevention and intervention at our junior and senior high schools. Examples of this include counselor and/or school nurse time to meet individually with students, lead harm reduction groups, and provided information and resources to families.

Regardless of how someone feels about cannabis use, we know that a certain percentage of the population has difficulty managing their drug and alcohol use. With the passage of Proposition 64, we expect our student consumption of cannabis to continue to rise as students find it easier to access cannabis products than alcohol. A certain percentage of these students will require counseling and treatment to deal with their addiction. Providing some of the revenue to schools for counseling and nursing services will allow the cannabis industry to provide a benefit to the community and to show that they are responsible neighbors.

In order to provide services to each of our secondary schools, we are seeking one day per week of increased counselor and nursing time for Holmes JHS, Harper JHS, Emerson/Da Vinci JHS, King Continuation HS/DSIS, and Da Vinci HS and two days per week to Davis High School per school year. This would entail an allocation of **\$225,000**. We are seeking the same amount from the City, with the idea that the combined funds would be used for both nurses, counselors and other related positions and programs.

Please feel free to contact us to further discuss and we look forward to working with Yolo County to ensure that schools are safe and healthy places for our students.

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