

ANCORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANUDM #91 (2000-2001)

OCTOBER 9, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURE 5

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached resolution in opposition to Ballot Measure 5, a Bill Legalizing Hemp (marijuana).

PERTINENT FACTS:

On November 7, voters of Alaska will be asked to vote on Ballot Measure 5. According to the ballot language,

The bill would shield those 18 years or older from civil and criminal sanctions for the use of marijuana and other hemp products. Doctors would be allowed to prescribe marijuana, and it would be regulated like an alcoholic beverage. Amnesty would be given to those convicted in the past of marijuana crimes. The bill allows for laws limiting marijuana use in some cases to protect public safety. It directs the state to challenge federal laws that conflict with the terms of the bill. It creates an advisory panel to study restitution for persons convicted in the past of marijuana crimes.

The Anchorage School Board opposes Ballot Measure 5, and believes this measure if enacted could increase the hazards to children using school bus transportation, erode our efforts to have a drug-free environment in our public schools, and harm our strong efforts and desire to prohibit the use or possession of marijuana on school grounds.

CC/LW  
Attachment

Prepared by: Larry Wiget, Executive Director, Public Affairs

Approved by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent (Acting)

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
ASDR 2000/2001 - 2

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURE 5, A BILL  
LEGALIZING HEMP (MARIJUANA)**

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Measure 5 legalizes all aspects of marijuana including personal use, cultivation, distribution and possession for those 18 years or older; and

**WHEREAS**, if this measure passes such persons may not “be denied any right or privilege, nor be subject to criminal or civil penalties for (such use);” and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District has employees and many students 18 years of age or older that would fall under this initiative, giving 18-year-old seniors immunity from prosecution for providing marijuana to younger students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District has policies and sound academic reasons against allowing students, employees and/or the general public to possess, distribute, cultivate or use marijuana on school grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District believes use and proximity to use of marijuana is not beneficial to academic achievement or a positive school climate; and

**WHEREAS**, this measure expunges the criminal records and grants retroactive amnesty to all persons previously charged with selling, cultivating, distributing or using marijuana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District has an interest in knowing its employees are drug free; and

**WHEREAS**, this measure prohibits “testing employees for inert cannabis metabolites” a currently accepted and required test for Anchorage School District bus drivers, which could then lead to unsafe conditions for school children riding our buses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Anchorage School Board opposes Ballot Measure 5, a Bill Legalizing Hemp, (marijuana); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Anchorage School Board believes this measure if enacted could increase the hazards to children using school bus transportation, erode our efforts to have a drug free environment in our public schools, and harm our strong efforts and desire to prohibit the use or possession of marijuana on school grounds.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage School Board this 9th day of October, 2000.

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**

---

**Peggy Robinson, President**

**Tom Anderson  
Bettye Davis  
Harriet Drummond**

**Rita Holthouse  
Debbie Ossiander  
Dave Werdal**

**Carol Comeau, Superintendent (Acting)**