



From the Board of Education
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Mayor and Council
City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Attention: Dale Lindsay, Director, Community Development:

Dear Sirs:

The Board of Education of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) and senior staff have reviewed the Cannabis Task Force Recommendations and would like to provide input for Council's consideration.

In reviewing the cannabis retail store (CRS) rezoning criteria, we would like to recommend that the proposed CRS should not be located directly adjacent, or in close proximity, to a school or licensed daycare facility; and we are requesting a minimum separation of **300 meters** from these facilities to be considered necessary. This request stems from a review of current literature and better practices on separation distances, as well as from discussions with the school medical officer, Dr. Paul Hasselback.

We would also like to request that NLPS be referred to on all individual applications that are in close proximity to schools.

I am open to speak with you further on this matter. Feel free to call me directly at (250) 729-1246. Meeting invitations can be sent to Karen Matthews via email at kmatthews@sd68.bc.ca.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours truly

Steve Rae
Board Chair