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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Patrick J. Daly, President

SUBJECT: **Regulatory Proposals under the Cannabis Act, 2017**

As you are aware, the Government of Ontario introduced Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017, on November 1, 2017. Bill 174 received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017. Schedule 1 of the Bill, which enacts the Cannabis Act, 2017, will be proclaimed into force when federal Bill C-45, the Cannabis Act, comes into force. Schedule 3 of the Bill, which enacts the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, will be proclaimed into force on a date named by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The *Cannabis Act, 2017* establishes provincial rules respecting the sale, distribution, purchase, possession, transportation, cultivation and consumption of cannabis. The Act also creates stringent penalties for individuals or corporations convicted of illegally selling or distributing cannabis, and for landlords who knowingly permit these activities on their premises to combat the illegal market. The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* includes rules regarding the smoking and vaping of medical cannabis specifically.

The Ministry of the Attorney General is now considering regulations under the *Cannabis Act, 2017* that would:

- Prescribe restrictions on where medical cannabis can be used in a form that is not smoked or vaped
- Clarify the places of use rules for recreational cannabis
- Provide exemptions to permit the consumption of cannabis in hotel, motel and inn rooms, vehicles and boats that are used as residences and in private residences that are also workplaces.

The deadline for comments on this regulatory proposal is March 8, 2018. Further information on the regulatory proposal can be found at the following link:

(<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=26449&language=en>)

Next Steps:

OCSTA will continue to monitor the development of regulations under the Ontario *Cannabis Act, 2017* that have an impact on school boards and provide summary information as required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Stephen Andrews at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca.