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Dear Red Wing City Council,

We understand and appreciate that the City of Red Wing is investigating its options under Minnesota's new law legalizing cannabis. Red Wing Public Schools respectfully requests that the City implement zoning rules to the fullest extent possible as allowed under the new law to prevent the establishment of cannabis operations and businesses near school property.

Minnesota Statute 342.01, Sec. 13, (c) states that:

A local unit of government may adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business provided that such restrictions do not prohibit the establishment or operation of cannabis businesses. A local unit of government may prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 1,000 feet of a school, or 500 feet of a day care, residential treatment facility, or an attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a playground or athletic field.

Because the extensive grounds surrounding our buildings include numerous fields, playgrounds, we respectfully request that you consider establishing the 1,000-foot setback using school district property boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Bryant, chair

Pam Roe, vice chair