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## **Marijuana Update & Alert Edibles and Children - Where's the Pot money for schools?**



### **Where's the Pot Money for Schools?**

People keep asking the Superintendent of Cherry Creek School District in Colorado 'Where's the pot money?' He sent a [letter to families](#) by e-mail.

**The short answer is that the Cherry Creek School District hasn't received any.** The longer answer is about how the money actually is allocated.

The lead-up to the legalization of marijuana in 2012 brought plenty of rhetoric regarding the positive impact on public schools in Colorado. **Voters were told that taxes on legal marijuana would prove to be a windfall for cash-strapped school districts; millions of dollars' worth of education cuts from the state would be offset by new income from a new vice tax.**

**... So far, the only thing that the legalization of marijuana has brought to our schools has been marijuana.**

This isn't a new story. Taxes on alcohol and tobacco haven't fixed the state's quandary when it comes to funding public education, nor have revenues from lotteries or casinos.

... The effort is much more complex than any easy fixes offered by legal marijuana. [Read more](#)

### **Marijuana edibles and children**

Experts thought there would be "a little bit of an increase," but "I think what caught us by surprise was how many more exposures we saw after the legalization of recreational marijuana," said Dr. Genie Roosevelt, the study's senior author and an associate professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado.

... the researchers of a study say edible marijuana products pose a "unique problem," because "no other drug is infused into a palatable and appetizing form" - such as cookies, brownies and candy. [Read more](#)

This [blog](#) posting from Parents Opposed to Pot lists more stories of children and edible marijuana.

### **Study links teen marijuana use to psychotic symptoms**

Those who use marijuana weekly (once a week) had a 21% increase in psychotic symptoms. "For each year of weekly use, the odds of experiencing paranoia increased by 133% and hallucinogens by 92%," says Christian Thurstone, MD, in an editorial titled "The Triple Play: Pubescent Boys, Pot, and

Paranoia," that accompanies the study.

Further, he notes that weekly marijuana exposure increased the odds of experiencing psychosis by 29% for up to a year after use stopped. These effects were not found with daily tobacco use, weekly alcohol use, or the use of drugs other than marijuana, nor did psychosis predict marijuana use. This study significantly advances the field, Dr. Thurstone says. Along with other studies, it shows "a preponderance of evidence linking adolescent marijuana exposure to subsequent psychosis." [Read more](#)

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