

MAPC Position Statement

Drug and Alcohol Use in Manitoba Schools

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MAPC believes in the importance of all schools in Manitoba fostering an environment that does not tolerate the use of illegal drugs or alcohol in a school setting. We support disciplinary measures used to prohibit the use of illegal substances on school grounds and at all school sanctioned events.

MAPC believes that school administrators and educators have a duty and responsibility to protect our children, while under their care and supervision, from exposure to drugs and alcohol. We strongly urge school divisions and the Government of Manitoba to develop proactive solutions to end their use and abuse within our schools.

MAPC supports initiatives directed toward making our children aware of the hazards and dangers of drug or alcohol use and abuse. We encourage administrators to communicate openly with parents regarding the challenges they are facing when delivering these messages. MAPC strongly requests that a parental voice be included in these discussions.

MAPC encourages the Department to recognize the impact of students under disciplinary review for drug and alcohol related issues on the general student population. MAPC believes that strong measures must be put into place for any student associated with any illegal activity involving drugs or alcohol. MAPC supports a disciplinary action plan towards anyone, regardless of age or position, involved in the use and abuse of drugs or alcohol in Manitoba schools.

Rationale:

MAPC would like to share this position, as representative of its members, with our education partners (including the Minister of Education), and the media.