

**JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1
RESOLUTION DECLARING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S
OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT 44**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Jefferson County School District has an interest in safeguarding the health and welfare of students and promoting a drug-free school environment; and

WHEREAS, a proposed ballot initiative to amend state law, which will appear on the general election ballot this November as Amendment 44, would allow adults 21 years of age or older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and would allow adults to give up to one ounce of marijuana to other individuals 15 years of age or older as long as there is no compensation; and

WHEREAS, there is a concern that under Amendment 44 overall drug use in the state may rise and the drug will be readily available to minors, which will impact the school community in many ways, including a potential increase in student discipline for possession and use of drugs and increased criminal actions against minors for possession of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, public safety and health concerns, along with the fact that marijuana will remain illegal under federal law, make this initiative an unwise policy decision; and

WHEREAS, passage of this initiative would make Colorado the only state in the nation to have legalized non-medical possession of marijuana, which could make the state a haven for drug users and have a negative impact on local communities and local schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Jefferson County School District officially declares its opposition to Amendment 44, which legalizes the possession of up to one ounce of marijuana for adults, because of the detrimental impact the measure will have on the health, safety and well being of young people in Colorado.

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2006.

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By



Jane Barnes, President
Board of Education



Attest:
Scott D. Benefield, Secretary
Board of Education