



Date: **May 31, 2022**
Prepared by: **Chris Kehoe, Superintendent of Education**
Subject: **Policy Approval – Tobacco, Cannabis, Alcohol and Drugs at School**

BACKGROUND:

Sec. C Policy – Tobacco Alcohol and Drug Abuse has been updated to reflect current practices, policies and legislation related to substances in schools. The updated version contains the addition of cannabis and vape products as well as updated applicable laws and definitions. The new version is aligned with the School-Police Protocol and offers enhanced flexibility to principals in addressing concerns to meet the needs of the students and the school with the opportunity to find alternatives to suspension. The policy maintains its balance between proactive supports and disciplinary actions in an effort to promote a healthy and safe environment in our schools. This policy was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on April 19, 2022. It is being brought forward to the Board of Trustees for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Motion: That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report *Policy Approval – Tobacco, Cannabis, Alcohol and Drugs at School* for information.

Motion: That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. C Policy – Tobacco, Cannabis, Alcohol and Drugs at School*, effective May 31, 2022.