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I have been an educator for 22 years, and a critical part of my job is to help kids make good choices for both their academic futures and their lives.

The legalization of recreational marijuana is a controversial yet necessary discussion. In order to make good decisions it is imperative that kids have the information they need to do so.

In addition to being illegal, marijuana use in adolescents effects the brain differently than for adults. Adolescent brains do not fully develop until the mid-twenties. Using marijuana during the developmental phase can irreparably harm the proper maturation of the brain.

I do not want to see any youth harm their chances for academic success because they lack the information to make good choices. www.principalsforprinciples.org provides materials for educators to inform youth about the dangers of using marijuana. The materials are simple, straightforward, fact-based and crucial to helping our kids choose a better future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tharyn Mulberry'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tharyn Mulberry
Principal