

# CAUSE Survey

## CUSD's Relationship w/ Cannabis Producers

**Please follow the link below:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CUSDrelationshipCANNBISgrowersETHICS>

On September 10, 2019, the Union broke its silence on the topic of District leadership's relationship with local cannabis producers. We were compelled to take action when we learned that the District is continuing to circumvent its own Board policies and accept grant monies from drug producers operating in direct conflict with established "buffer-zones" designed to keep cannabis cultivation away from CUSD school-sites, facilities, and students.

To be clear, Union Leadership has not and is not currently taking a position on the value of cannabis cultivation in the community of Carpinteria. We believe that the volume and density of cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria is a decision for those who reside in the community we serve. We recognize that Carpinterians are entitled to determine the costs and value of the jobs and tax monies that marijuana production can bring to the community.

After several inquiries from colleagues, community members, and local organizations, Union leadership acknowledged that a VERY different question demands our attention:

**Is it appropriate for District leadership  
to violate its own Board policies and mislead the community,  
while accepting grant monies from cannabis growers  
operating in conflict with legally established "Buffer zones"  
for District school-sites & facilities?**

Union Leadership understands how CUSD's behavior could undermine the relationship between the District employees who work directly with students and families in the teaching and learning environment.

With this in mind, Union leadership has prepared this anonymous survey. We ask that you take a few minutes to answer the following survey questions.

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<http://cause2216.org/>

**Your feedback and interest are appreciated!**

