**DABS and your College Park High School Student**

*The letter below is a proactive alert message to parents from the Student Resource Police Officer that serves Northgate High School, Officer Raquel Cantillon. I have inserted College Park in place of Northgate High School as we believe this message is important for our community.*

*Thank you,*
**Paul Gengler**

Dear College Park Parents/Guardians,

Have you heard of "dabs" or "wax"? Your College Park student probably has.

"Dabs" "Wax" "Oil" "Hash" "Shatter" "BHO (Butane Hash Oil)" are all common terms for concentrated cannabis. It is extremely prevalent among teens in general and among our student body in particular. It’s use is not only something we want to make you aware of, it is also extremely dangerous.

Let me start by explaining how BHO is made. Butane is used to extract the THC (the substance that makes one "high") from the marijuana plant. This is a highly dangerous and explosive process. Regular marijuana contains approximately 15-17% THC, while the concentrated version has closer to 80-90% THC. The concentrated THC is then pooled together and looks like brown/yellow "wax." The substance is hard, but malleable. The "wax" is broken apart (i.e. slang term of "shatter") into smaller pieces and generally kept in small circular plastic containers (see attached photographs).

Some general things I’d like to note:
- BHO is highly concentrated marijuana.
- A small amount of BHO goes a long way.
- It is extremely easy to conceal, as only a small "dab" is needed to get a *high.*
- It does not smell as potent as plant-based-marijuana.
- A lot of teens smoke their "dabs" with Vape Pens, before or after school.

We are seeing more and more of this among our Northgate community. I am attaching a few photographs and links (below) that will further your understanding of concentrated cannabis and how it is being used.

To note, Walnut Creek had a BHO lab explosion on 10/31/2014.

Dabs in a Vape Pen:  

Dabbing with a Pipe ("Bong"): [https://youtu.be/oIUhDt9Ky5w](https://youtu.be/oIUhDt9Ky5w)

I hope you will assist us, the College Park staff, and your kids by having an open dialogue about this issue. It is our goal that our students have a safe and secure place in which they can learn, every day.