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an investigation, it does not apply to mandatory reporting.

"The slide says don't worry about that, the district attorney will worry about that and I think that's just wrong, you have to have reasonable cause to believe a crime was committed," Harris said.

Harris also took issue with the district's assertion that teachers are required to report when their own children talk with them about sex-related topics.

"Parents, even teacher-parents, have constitutional rights to teach their children and that certainly includes talking about sex. To suggest you have to report those conversations is incorrect," Harris said. "I doubt very seriously that the legislature intended for parent-teachers to report their children. I doubt very seriously that the legislature intended for a kid who has been kicked out of his home by a parent to be turned in rather than the

parent."

Even if a parent gave their student permission to talk with teachers about the issues covered under the new guidelines, it wouldn't protect teachers from the mandatory reporting requirements, Harris said.

In an interview last week, SKSD spokesperson Lillian Govus said it likely wasn't intended for teachers to report conversations with their own children, but that it wasn't up to the district to interpret the intent of the law.

"We just did the training because we believe it's a clarification of the law and we're not asking teachers to go out and find out if kids are having sexual intercourse," said SKSD Superintendent Christy Perry.

Still, Harris contended that the effects of the new guidelines contradict accepted best practices. "What is the sense in setting up a policy saying we don't want children talking to teachers? It's really, really sad and it's contrary to what everyone says would be best practices. The teachers are in

the position of having this edict. Even if they are willing to defy it, it will have chilling effect on the students," Harris said.

She saw the free speech angle as something of a red herring, but added that the courts have frequently found that children have the same speech and privacy rights as adults, but that the "contours and boundaries" are different depending on the situation.

She said it would be hard for teachers or students to fight the new guidelines in a one-on-one basis, but that a larger entity could seek additional clarification of the mandatory reporting guidelines.

"An organization like the teacher's union could ask the attorney general's office for an opinion on this," Harris said.

Keizertimes contacted the president of the Salem Keizer Education Association, the teachers' union, regarding whether the union planned to address this issue in upcoming meetings, or if it had any comment on the new policy. No response was received by press time.

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the third quarter, Keizer sales amounted to \$12,917.43 in local taxes. The city also receives a share of the state taxes collected on recreational pot and that totaled to \$110,361.65. The share of the state tax actually covered 18 months of sales, from January 2016 to June of 2017, which means the amount will likely drop moving forward.

"It will probably be closer to \$65,000 in the coming years," Wood said.

The amount Keizer receives from the state taxes is based on population. The lion's share of the state tax, 40 percent, goes into the state school fund, another 20 percent goes into mental health, alcoholism and drug services, 15 percent is dedicated to the Oregon State

Police and 5 percent is used for drug treatment and prevention programs through the Oregon Health Authority. The state has collected almost \$85 million in weed taxes since the beginning of the year.

Prior to the start of the 2017-18 fiscal year, Wood projected the city would collect about \$180,000. Now that some hard numbers are available, he expects it to be somewhere in the range of \$165,000 to \$170,000.

"I looked at the Colorado and Washington history and made an estimate regarding annual sales and took 3 percent of that number," Wood said.

The state collects the Keizer tax in addition to the state tax to avoid the additional costs it would have created at City Hall. Because marijuana retail sales are an all-cash business, it means that taxes would also be

paid in cash. "If we had someone come in with several thousand dollars in cash, we would have to come up with a process for storing it and getting it to the bank and start worrying about robberies," Wood said.

Since the money was already included in the budget for this fiscal year, most of it is already spoken for. The tax revenue becomes part of the general fund which pays for things like health insurance and PERS benefits, but roughly 70 percent of the fund is used for police services.

While recreational sales of marijuana walk a fine line between state and federal regulation, Wood said all his interactions with the five dispensaries in Keizer have been positive.

"They've been very professional and want to be good citizens," Wood said.

FIRE,

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Hoerauf started the GoFundMe page on Saturday, Oct. 28 and has raised more than \$7,500. Along with money,

the family is accepting clothing.

One girl wears size 14/16 and shoe size 4. One boy wears size 6/7 and shoe size 1. The 2-year-old girl and 2-year-old boy wear clothes size 3T and shoes size toddler 7. The mom wears clothes size 4XL and shoe size 12. They are looking

for size 5 diapers or pullups. Donations are also being accepted at Weddle Elementary School.

"I couldn't do more to save them so me and my husband feel that this is what we can do to help them more," Hoerauf said.

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