

## NEW DANGEROUS DRUG: WAX LIP BALM

# PARENTS BE AWARE OF NEW DANGEROUS DRUG

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“It’s just wax!” The latest drug challenge for parents, school administrators and law enforcement officers is a potent new drug often called “wax,” and it has found its way into Georgia High schools.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s fact sheet, the drug is made from oils in marijuana plants (THC) and is far more potent than dried marijuana leaves. Wax also is known as BHO (short for butane hash oil), and states with legalized marijuana can easily sell the product.

The substance looks like lip balm and is frequently kept in small tins or similar containers, making it easy to hide “in plain sight.” According to officers familiar with the substance, a drop or two of the oil can be several times stronger than marijuana that is smoked, and a recent article published by the progressive news website [www.AlterNet.org](http://www.AlterNet.org) compared the difference between wax and a marijuana joint to the difference between 100-proof and 50-proof vodka.

During a recent drug investigation, police found approximately 80 grams (3 ounces) of wax at a Georgia residence, and more recently, officers in the metro Atlanta area have received complaints from parents whose children were approached at school by others trying to sell it under the pretense that it was easy to hide.

Schools in the Cherokee County School District (CCSD) are considered drug-free zones, and the 2014-15 CCSD Discipline Code prohibits a student from possessing, using, offering for sale, or transferring any drug while on school property, on school buses, at bus stops or while attending school functions.

As a parent, please take the time to talk with your child about the potential health risks associated with wax and other drugs and remind them of the potential school discipline and legal consequences if they are found in possession of these substances.

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