

## **High Schools Continue Spraying Poisons in the Rain**

The Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD) regularly has its campuses sprayed with Roundup, a suspected carcinogen, even during the rain.

The broadcast of toxins seems a waste of money, to say nothing about its effect on pollinators like bees, birds, and butterflies. Weeds provide seeds for sparrows, which is of no concern to the school district, as birds provide no revenue.

To the extent it even gives the matter any thought, JUHSD figures that the chemicals are sprayed on weekends, when staff and students are away, but Sunday, March 11, the poisons were sprayed around tennis courts, parked cars, and where people walk their dogs. It's been asked to stop polluting, and ignored the request.

A school district that has so much surplus money it spends thousands to pollute groundwater probably can do without another bond for more money. I'll vote "no" on the district's latest \$66 million bond (including interest, which the district doesn't omit).

But I'm sure they'll have a fine program for Earth Day.

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