

Bay City Public Schools Integrated Pest Management Program – Parent Notification

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires schools and day care centers that may apply pesticides on school or day care property to provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that the Bay City Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or day care grounds or buildings during this school year. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, **other than a bait or gel formulation**, will be given by at least two methods.

The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school / day care center. The second method will be by the method(s) checked below:

- Posting in a public, common area of the school or day care center, other than an entrance.
- E-mail. A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of a student of the school / day care center or a message is recorded on an answering machine.
- Providing the students of the school or children of the day care center with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardians.
- Posting on the school or day care center's web site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the Bay City Public Schools are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, **other than a bait or gel formulation**, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact the Bay City Public School Facilities Department at 989-686-8371, to be placed on the notification registry.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the Bay City Public Schools may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.