



**Grand Haven  
Area Public Schools**

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## **Advisory to All Parents**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Grand Haven Area Public Schools has adopted an integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve the problem. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from being a problem.

You will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than a bait or gel formulation at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by the law is posting at entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot. The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department at the following number: 616.850.5120. Please give the Operations secretary your name, mailing address and what school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, stinging insects) pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or e-mailing Ted Rescorla, the District's Director of Operations at phone number 616.850.5120 e-mail address [rescorlt@ghaps.org](mailto:rescorlt@ghaps.org). This number or e-mail may also be used to receive notice when school is not in regular session.

Sincerely,

Ted Rescorla  
Director of Operations