

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that all of our facilities utilize 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 utilization of pesticides.

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 building during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. 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 2 methods at least 48 hours before the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to each school. The second method of notification shall be by posting on the district website.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center 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 complete the attached form and return it to our office.

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

Jason MacKay
Director of Operations
616-850-5120

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Complete this form **ONLY** if you are requesting advance notification of a pesticide application by United States Postal Service first-class mail.

Please be advised that you **WILL** receive notice via the methods identified in the annual advisory notice and should only complete this form if you are also requesting notification by first-class mail.

If you are requesting prior notification of pesticide treatments conducted at this school, other than a bait or gel formulation, and you would like the notice to be delivered by United States Postal Service first-class mail, postmarked at least 3 days before the planned treatment, please complete the information on the following form and MAIL to:

Molly Ferguson, GHAPS Operations Department, 1415 S. Beechtree Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417

I wish to receive a prior notice of any pesticide application to the school by first-class mail.

PARENT NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please Check One:

- ☐ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application inside of the school building.
- ☐ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application on the outside grounds of the school building.
- ☐ Both of the above.

Signature

Date