

Dear Parent/Guardian:

GHAPS has made a significant commitment by adopting an Integrated Pest Management program. This program is designed to minimize our use of pesticides, with a focus on alternative techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, and exclusion. We want to assure you that we **do not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems, and we are dedicated to preventing pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of the non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary 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.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for 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 promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Jason MacKay via email at [mackayj@ghaps.org](mailto:mackayj@ghaps.org)

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the application if they so request.

If you want to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department at 616-850-5120. Please give the secretary your name, mailing address, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and they will put your name on the advance notification by US Mail list.

Sincerely,

Jason MacKay  
Director of Operations  
Grand Haven Area Public Schools