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SUPERINTENDENT

Date: August 1, 2023
To: Parents and Guardians
From: Forrester Bazemore, Environmental Compliance
Subject: Cumberland County Schools Integrated Pest Management Plan in Compliance with the School Children's Health Act of 2006 G.S. 115C-12, G.S. 115C-47

This memo serves to notify you that Cumberland County Schools on occasion has a need to use chemical sprays in order to manage undesirable pests. In accordance with the school system's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, chemical sprays (pesticides) will not be used based solely on a schedule, but only as needed to achieve the pest management goals. IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines prevention, surveillance, and environmentally sound methods to prevent and solve pest problems. It employs a combination of strategies and tactics to keep pest numbers low enough to prevent unacceptable change or annoyance. There is no fixed schedule for IPM treatments. Treatment may include monitoring, baiting, trapping and/or spraying. Chemical controls are used only when needed and in the least toxic formulation required.

The goal of IPM is to protect human health by adequately controlling pest populations and reducing human exposure to pesticides. Spraying is done when and where monitoring has indicated that pests will cause health risk or medical injury and no other method of control is considered effective.

If the School System deems it necessary to use chemical sprays to manage pest populations, the following guidelines are followed:

- Whenever practical, treatments will be at times when school is not in session.
- All pesticides used in the school district will be pre-approved by the IPM Committee.

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- Records of all applications will be on file in the automated Maintenance Work Order System.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for approved materials can be obtained from the IPM coordinator and will be provided to the school prior to any application.
- All persons that apply regulated pesticides will be licensed.
- Notification of pesticide treatments will be made in accordance with applicable state law.

In compliance with G.S. 115C-47, the principal or the principal's designee shall annually notify the students' parents, guardians, or custodians as well as school staff of the schedule of pesticide use on school property and their right to request notification. Such notification shall be made, to the extent possible, at least 72 hours in advance of nonscheduled pesticide use on school property. The notification requirements under this subdivision **do not apply** to the application of the following types of pesticide products: antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-crevice treatments and any pesticide products classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as belonging to the U.S.E.P.A. Toxicity Class IV, "relatively nontoxic" (no signal word required on the product's label).

Scheduled use of pesticides by Custodial Services, Maintenance, or Child Nutrition shall include the use of cleansers, disinfectants, non-toxic products, self-contained baits, or crack-and-crevice application. The application of spray to building surfaces will only be used in the event that no other method of extermination is effective. Though spray applications are primarily conducted when school is not in session, some might want prior notification of applications at their school. If you would like to be placed on a list to receive prior notification at your school, please contact the school. You will need to leave your name, phone number, mailing address, email address and the name of the school(s). The list will be kept from September through August. To remain on the list, you will need to renew your request on an annual basis. For more information you may visit the North Carolina State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences website "Integrated Pest Management for North Carolina Schools".



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Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member,

The 2006 School Children’s Health Act (SCHA) requires each school district to notify parents, guardians, and staff annually of pesticides the district expects to apply during the year. We have adopted an integrated pest management (IPM) policy and have a thoughtful pest management program in place in which we use pesticides only as a last resort. You will be notified 72 hours in advance of the application. Exceptions are made only for emergency circumstances that warrant immediate response.

If you would like to be notified, fill out and return the form below.

For information about integrated pest management, pesticide use reduction, and pesticides visit the Department of Pesticide Regulation’s Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov> and click “School IPM Program”).

If you would like more information about our pest management program, please contact your individual school’s administrator.

Sincerely,

-----Clip and return if applicable-----

REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

I would like to be notified every time a pesticide application is to take place at my child’s school (this is in addition to annual notification). I understand that the notification will be sent home with my child at least 72 hours before application. **Please return to School!**

Please Print Neatly.

Child’s Name _____
School _____
Grade _____
Name of Parent/Guardian/Staff _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____
Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

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