

February 2, 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We recently found a bed bug in your child's school. Bed bugs are a nuisance and can cause considerable discomfort, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body. If you have medical concerns for you or your child, please contact your doctor.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including hotels, planes and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, Flemingsburg Elementary School along with officials from Fleming County Schools and the Fleming County Health Department have conducted an inspection and are taking measures to make sure areas are cleaned extensively.

Flemingsburg Elementary School and Fleming County Schools will continue to work to identify bed bugs, provide thorough inspections of schools and have licensed pest control specialists assist with pest management if necessary. Students should attend school as normal, as the situation is an isolated situation.

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your school, please contact Flemingsburg Elementary School or Fleming County Schools. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, contact the Fleming County Health Department or visit the FCS website for information pertaining to bed bugs, preventative measures, and ways to address bed bugs found in your home. I have attached commonly asked questions pertaining to bed bugs.

Respectfully,

Brian K. Creasman

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Superintendent

Cc: Mrs. Emmons, Principal, Flemingsburg Elementary School