PARENT INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING THE HEALTHY SCOOLS ACT OF 2000

As of January 1, 2007, the Healthy Schools Act HSA (as amended by Assembly Bill 2865, Chapter 865, Statutes of 2006) requires public schools and child day care centers to notify parents, guardian, and employees about pesticides used in their schools and day care centers. The law also requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to promote the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) practices in California schools, child day care centers, and family day care homes.

The Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District (DCJESD) has implemented the following requirements of the law:

- **Annual notification.** DCJESD shall provide notification of all pesticide products (except those that are exempt[1]) the school district expects will be applied in the upcoming year to parents or guardians of children who attend the school. These products include over-the-counter pesticides available at retail outlets, as well as those that are applied by licensed pest control businesses. The notification will list the active ingredient(s) in each pesticide product and the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) School IPM Web site (http://www.schoolipm.info), which provides additional information.
- **Registry.** DCJESD shall provide the opportunity for interested staff and parents or guardians to register with the school district if they want to be notified about individual pesticide applications before they occur.
- **Warning signs.** DCJESD shall post warning signs at each area of the site where pesticides will be applied. These signs are posted 24 hours before and 72 hours after applications and should be sufficient, in the district's opinion, to restrict uninformed access to treated areas.
- **Recordkeeping.** DCJESD shall maintain records of all pesticide use at the site for four years and make the records available to the public upon request.

Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District implemented Integrated Pest Management as a process to achieve long-term, environmentally sound pest management through the use of various strategies including structural and procedural improvements to reduce food, shelter, water and access used by pests. IPM manages pests taking human health and the environment into full account. The primary focus is prevention. Pesticides are only used when absolutely necessary, or when non-chemical measures alone were unsuccessful. Non-HSA pesticides[1] (Exempted from Regulation) will always be evaluated for use before considering the use of regulated pesticides.

For more information, contact Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District's Operational Services Department at 916-770-8884

[1] The exemption applies to a pesticide product deployed in the form of a self-contained bait or trap, to gel or paste deployed as a crack and crevice treatment, to any pesticide exempted from regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.), or to antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants. For more information, visit DPR's School IPM Web site, www.schoolipm.info, and click on "Pesticides Exempted under the Healthy Schools Act" in the right-hand column.