

Minneapolis Public Schools Minnesota Parent Right-to-Know Act

To: Parents, Guardians, & School Employees

From: MPS Environmental Health & Safety Division (EH&S)

In 2000, a Minnesota state law went into effect that requires schools to inform parents, guardians and school employees if certain pesticides are applied on school property. State law also requires that you are informed that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

Specifically, the law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office. Safety Data Sheets are also available by request for products used.

The Minneapolis Public Schools utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around District buildings. Our integrated pest control program uses a coordinated approach to pest control intended to prevent unacceptable levels of pests while causing the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment. Our program uses a combination of methods including:

1. inspection/monitoring to determine whether pests are present, and whether any treatment is needed;
2. improved maintenance/sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials;
3. utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking and screening; and
4. application of EPA-registered pesticide chemicals **on an as-needed basis only.**

A Pesticide/Herbicide Application Schedule is available to you in the school office. If you would like to be notified by mail about applications scheduled on days other than those already listed (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the form below. **If you do not wish to be notified, do not complete and return this form.** If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact MPS Environmental Health & Safety at 612-668-0310. Thank you.

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Request for Application Notification

(Please Print Neatly)

School Name _____ Date of Request _____

I understand that the school will make available an estimated schedule of pesticide applications for review and copying at the school office. Should a pesticide application be scheduled on a day different from the day(s) specified in the schedule, I would like to be notified.

Name of Parent/Guardian/Employee: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Please Return To:
Minneapolis Public Schools
Environmental Health & Safety Division
1225 N. 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55411