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**INFORMATION**

**DATE:** August 7, 2017

**TO:** All DISD Schools and Facility Sites  
**FROM:** Christopher L. Gray, Executive Director Maintenance and Facility Services  
**SUBJECT:** Prohibited Use of Pesticides and Insecticides

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Gray", is positioned to the right of the "FROM:" line.

This notice is to inform all Principals, Building Managers, Supervisors, and District employees, that the application of any pesticide or insecticide at schools or District facilities by a person not fully-licensed and authorized by the State of Texas, Structural Pest Control Service/TDA is in direct violation of state law. Violators of this law may be fined up to \$5,000 per incident and may be restrained by a district court to prevent the person or persons from continuing the violation or threat of violation, or for the assessment and recovery of a civil penalty for each act of the violation and for each day of violation, or for both injunctive relief and civil penalty.

The Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Department has a fully-certified staff of chemical applicators that are responsible for the needs of the District. The proper Integrated Pest Management (IPM) inspection and monitoring process will be implemented, and if justified, a chemical application may be deployed as permissible by law. You are requested to notify the EHS Department at (972) 925- 5300 in the event that an infestation which requires immediate attention should be discovered.

The health and safety of all students, visitors, and employees is dependent upon the proper application of chemicals by certified professionals. Please help us maintain the high standards of our educational and working environments by ensuring that the application of all chemicals are only applied by licensed and certified EHS personnel, and that the Dallas Independent School District remains in full compliance with the state and District IPM policies, laws, and regulations regarding the proper application of pesticides, rodenticides and herbicides.

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