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Dear Parents and Staff:

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The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Amity Regional School District is in compliance with Public Act No. 99-165, an act concerning notice of pesticide applications at schools and day care centers.

This law dictates that on or after July 1, 2000, no person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory certification or a pesticide applicator with operational certification under the direct supervision of a supervisory pesticide applicator, may apply pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school. It shall not apply in the case of an emergency application of pesticide to eliminate an immediate threat to human health.

Accordingly, the Amity Regional School District has contracted the services of Mastershield Pest Management Services; a state registered commercial pesticide application business, to implement our Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM). In brief, the plan will utilize all methods of pest control which may include structural maintenance, sanitation, monitoring for pest populations, mechanical and biological control, and if necessary, the judicious use of pesticides. In addition, the Amity Regional School District has contracted the services of Sports Turf of CT for the purpose of identifying areas of pest infestation (weed, insect and disease) on the grounds of the facility, making recommendations for corrective measures that should be implemented and developing a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM).

Mastershield Pest Management Services used Maxforce Roach Killer Small Bait Stations and Pre-Empt Roach Gel for roaches; Maxforce Ant Bait Gel and Maxforce Ant Bait Stations for ants; and Contrac Blox for Rodenticides (outdoor use only). Sports Turf of Connecticut used Speed Zone (Carfentra Zone) for clover and plantain on fields 3, 6 and 7; Talstar (Befenthrin) for sod webworm, bees and wasps, field 7, portable classrooms, buildings, fence and trash pails around the football field. Sports Turf of CT will abide by new legislation banning pesticides on athletic fields of K-8 schools.

Parents or guardians of children in any school may register for prior notice of pesticide application at their school. Each school will maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice. Notification may be made on or before the day of application, by any means practicable. Information provided will be the active ingredient of pesticide being applied, the location of the application on the school property, the date of the application and the name of the school administrator, or a designee, who may be contacted for further information.

Sincerely,



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