Pesticide Application on School Property

It is the policy of the Bethany Board of Education to implement an integrated pest management plan to reduce the amounts of pesticides applied in any building, or the grounds of the school, by using all available pest control techniques including judicious use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides.

The decision to apply pesticide in any Bethany Public School District (District) building or grounds is dependent on results of periodic monitoring for pest populations to determine if a pest problem exists that exceeds acceptable threshold levels.

No application of pesticide shall be made in any District building, or grounds during regular school hours or during planned activities at any school except as provided by Connecticut State Statute or regulation.

Parents/guardians of children and/or District employees may register for prior notice of pesticide application. The District shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice, and shall provide notice to registered individuals in accordance with applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

The Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide be made without prior notice to parents/guardians and/or District employees in the event of a threat to human health, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

The Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a pesticide be made during regular school hours or during planned activities at school without prior notice to parents/guardians and/or District employees in the event of an immediate threat to human health, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

There shall be no application of any lawn care pesticide on the grounds of the District with students in grade six (6) or lower, except on an emergency basis, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

The Board directs the Superintendent to promulgate administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-231a
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-231b
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-231d

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