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Effective January 2, 2001, AB 2622, known as the Healthy Schools Act, became law in California. It requires that all public schools in California, at the beginning of the school year, provide an annual notification to parents of expected herbicide/pesticide usage. It also requires schools to set up a registry so that concerned parents can sign up for phone notification prior to an herbicide or pesticide application.

Old Adobe Union School District (OAUSD) supports the Healthy Schools Act in taking a responsible position regarding the use of herbicides/pesticides in and around our schools. Our goal is to provide a safe and aesthetically pleasing learning environment through the practice of Integrated Pest Management that minimizes the use of pesticides.

In compliance with the Healthy Schools Act, OAUSD has set up a registry for parents who would like to receive prior notification of the district's intent to apply herbicides/pesticides. If you would like notification for the 2024/2025 school year, please call 707-765-4308 or send an email to [dlazzaro@oldadobe.org](mailto:dlazzaro@oldadobe.org). Please include: Name of Parent, Address, Day phone, Evening phone, and name of school child is attending.

During the 2024-2025 school year, OAUSD does **not expect to use any herbicides/pesticides**.

#### Emergency Pesticide Applications

Pest control measures taken during an emergency, i.e., wherein the school district designee deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of pupils, staff or other persons, or the school site, shall not be subject to the notification requirements herein. However, the District designee shall make every effort to provide the required notification for an application of a pesticide under emergency conditions.

#### Exemptions from Notification, Recordkeeping and Reporting

Some pesticide products are exempt from notification, recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Pesticide products used as a self-contained bait or trap, gel or paste deployed as a crack and crevice treatment, and pesticide exempted under FIFRA (7 USC 25 (b)), or antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants, are exempt.

\*CAUTION means the pesticide product is slightly toxic if eaten, absorbed through the skin, inhaled or it causes slight eye or skin irritation. It is the safest of three signal words – the others are WARNING and DANGER.

For more information regarding the Healthy Schools Act, visit the Department of Pesticide Regulation's Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
OAUSD Board of Trustees