Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management technique to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, and/or physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on the registry, please notify me in writing at the address listed above and include c/o Executive Director within your request letter. Please include your name, your student's name, your address, your telephone number, and your e-mail address. A new registry will be prepared yearly.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the school may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent and guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Additionally, if you would like to learn more about the Pesticide Hypersensitivity Registry, please contact the PA Department of Agriculture at 717-772-5231. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (724) 282-0735.

Sincerely,

Regina Hiler, Ed.D.
Executive Director