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# Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2026 – 2027

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Mahwah Board of Education has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for the Mahwah Township Public School District is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Mr. Gregory Romero

Business Phone number: (201) 762-2402

Business Address: 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah NJ 07430

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product labels, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), to each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

In the past 12 months the following pesticides were used: Advion Ant Gel (EPA # 352-746), Delta Dust (EPA # 432-772), EZ Block (EPA # 87235-2-88689), Nectus Soft Bait (EPA # 82744-2-56), Stryker Wasp & Hornet (EPA # 53883-384), Talstar P Insecticide (EPA # 279-3206), Tempo 1% Dust (EPA # 432-1373), Onslaught FastCap Insecticide (EPA # 1021-2574) and Glueboards.

As part of a school pest management plan, Mahwah Township Public Schools may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

**A copy of Mahwah Township Public School's IPM Policy can be found online at:**
**https://www.mahwah.k12.nj.us/Page/1809**

MAHWAH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) PROCEDURES

The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires schools to implement a school integrated pest management policy.

As per this policy, the Chief School Administrator of the school district shall implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty, and staff to pesticides. The school district shall develop and maintain an IPM plan as part of the school district's policy.

Implementation of IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological, or chemical methods. Each school shall consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall first be considered.

**The IPM Coordinator is responsible for:**

- Implementation of the IPM policy and plan.
- Maintaining information about the school and about pesticide applications on school property in each main office.
- Providing additional information when requested on the school IPM plan.
- Maintaining material safety data sheets, (MSDS).
- Ensuring that commercial pesticide applicators operating on school property are in compliance with registered labels of each pesticide product.
- Developing IPM plans that provide a blueprint of how the school will manage pests through IPM methods.

Mahwah Township Public School's Director of Buildings and Grounds is the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the district.

**Record Keeping:**

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained for three years on site to meet the requirements of the State regulatory agency and the school board. Records shall include, but not be limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized. The IPM Coordinator is responsible for timely notification to students' parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School IPM Act.

Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

The Director of Buildings and Grounds, as Mahwah Township Public Schools' Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, shall ensure that applicators follow State regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy. If there are any questions regarding the pesticide applicators, the district's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator can be contacted at (201) 762-2402