PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Promoting Growth, Achievement, Success, and Direction for ALL Children!

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The Pine Grove Area School District 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 techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, 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 application is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when students do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for 48 hours following the application.

Staff and 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 this registry, please notify the Pine Grove Area School District, Buildings and Grounds Department, c/o Allen (Art) Aungst in writing. Please include your email address if you would like to be notified electronically. The registry information will be maintained for a period of one school year. If you were previously on the registry and would like to remain on it, please provide a request in writing for each year you want to remain on the registry. If there are any changes in your contact information, please contact us as soon as possible to update our information.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any staff, parent or 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.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Allen A. Aungst

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Director of Buildings and Grounds

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