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To: Wall Township Parents, Teachers, and Support Staff

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Re**:** Integrated Pest Management

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Wall Township Public School District 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 schools 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.

In the absence of a Facilities Manager, the IPM Coordinator for the Wall Township Public School District is Brian J. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; 162018th Avenue; Wall, New Jersey 07719.

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

As part of the School Pest Management Plan, the Wall Township Public School District 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.

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The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires school districts to implement a school-integrated pest management policy that includes an Integrated Pest Management Plan. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Board shall ensure implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize

exposure of children, faculty, and staff to pesticides. These procedures shall be applicable to all school property in the Wall Township School District.

IPM Coordinator (IPMC)

The Facilities Manager shall be designated as the district's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) and is responsible for the implementation of the school's integrated pest management policy.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures in Schools

Implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological, or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) 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 be considered for use first.

Development of IPM plans

The Superintendent, in collaboration with the school Building Principal(s) and the IPMC, shall be responsible for the development of the IPM Plan for the school district. The school district's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan is a blueprint of how the school district will manage pests through IPM methods. The school district's IPM Plan will state the school district's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides for all school district property. The Plan will reflect the school district's site-specific needs and a description of how each component of the school district's Integrated Pest Management Policy and Regulation will be implemented for all school property.

Education/Training

The school community will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives.
The IPMC, other school staff, and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the district's IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Pupils and parents/legal guardians will be provided information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

Recordkeeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on-site to meet the requirements of the State regulatory agency and the Board.

Records shall also include but are not limited to pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The Building Principal of each school, working with the IPMC, is responsible for timely notification to pupils, parents or legal guardians, and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School Integrated Pest Management Act.

Re-entry

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

Pesticide Applicators

The IPMC shall ensure that applicators follow State regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School Integrated Pest Management Policy.

Legal References

The School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 N.J.A.C. Title 7 Chapter 30 Subchapters 1-12 N.J.S.A. 13:1F-19 through 13:1F-33
Pesticide Control Act of 1971