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Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides throughout the school year.

Chester UFSD is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48 hour prior notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- anti-microbial products
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- nonvolatile insecticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready to use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets

Due to the overwhelming response received in previous years for 48 hour notification prior to using pesticides in the schools, all parents, guardians and school staff will be notified in the event that an emergency application is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health.
