

## **Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires that schools and daycare centers that may apply pesticides on school or daycare property must provide an annual notification to parents or guardians of students attending that facility.

Please be advised that the Holt Public School and Midway Early Learning Center utilize an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, schools or daycares will provide advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or daycare buildings or grounds. Advance notice will be provided even during periods when not in session. Advance notice is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without advance notice to prevent injury to students, but the school or daycare will provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two methods by which advance notice of the applications of a pesticide will be given at least 48 hours before the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school/daycare center. The second will be by posting in a public, common area of the school or daycare center, other than an entrance area.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or daycare center may request to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by e-mail, or by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact Ryan Zoumbaris at the school office by calling 517-694-3602 to schedule an appointment to fill out a request form. If you wish to receive notification by e-mail, please fill out the IPM Notification Request form located at <https://www.hpsk12.net/pub/forms/ipm-parent-notification>.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school may also review the Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. Contact Ryan Zoumbaris at 517-694-3813 or by email at [ryan.zoumbaris@hpsk12.net](mailto:ryan.zoumbaris@hpsk12.net) to make an IPM program review request.