



Lake-Lehman School District

August 31, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Lake-Lehman 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 this 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 monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. 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 chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Applications will be made only when persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in treated areas 72 hours prior to application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school district 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 advise the office of the building your child attends, in writing, and include your contact information.

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants, antimicrobial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices, or voids.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

James E. McGovern
Superintendent of Schools
Lake-Lehman School District

