

## Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that the Rogers City Area Schools utilizes 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 application of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, the school 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 building 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 will provide notice following any such application

Advance notice of pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formation, will be given at least (2) methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the schools, which are located at 1033 West Huron Avenue and 532 West Erie Avenue. The second method will be by the method(s) checked below:

- Posting in a public, common area of the school, other than an entrance. We will post in the main entrances of the buildings.
- Email.
- A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of a student of the school or a message is recorded on an answering machine.
- Providing the students of the school or children of the day-care center with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardians.
- Posting information on the school's web-site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least (3) days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact the Maintenance Supervisor by calling (989) 734-9170.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. Contact the Aaron Spens, Maintenance Supervisor, at (989)734-9170.