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To Staff, Parents and Guardians:

We would like to inform you that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds will be used in the school district. We will routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to control a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary. We will always try to use the least toxic product possible. When this occurs, access to treated areas will be secured against unauthorized access for the period specified for the agent used. If anything other than low impact agents are used, then notices will be posted until a safe reentry period is met.

Staff, parents or guardians will be notified at least 72 hours before any non-low impact pesticide is applied. Exemptions to this notification include cleaners, baits, gels and EPA exempt pesticide. Material Safety Data Sheets will be maintained for all pesticides and agents used. You may request copies of these forms by contacting this office.

“The United States EPA and the NJDEP 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 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.”

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the district's policy, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Dina Messery

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