

## **Saline Area Schools**

### **Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice**

In Michigan, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a requirement of law for persons who apply pesticides (other than sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or antimicrobial agents) in schools, day care centers, public buildings, and health care facilities. IPM is regulated under Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, Part 83, Pesticide Control and under Michigan's Regulation 637, Pesticide Use.

The goal of Saline Area Schools IPM policy is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment that is relatively pest free with the least possible use of pesticides.

The Saline Area Schools utilizes an integrated pest management (IPM) approach for all pest controlling activities and pesticide use in the school buildings and related facilities including grounds. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pest by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routinely cleaning and as needed maintenance to secure the building envelope. We routinely monitor the school building grounds to detect any pest that are present. Pest sighting are reported to our Facility service staff, who then evaluate the problem and determine the appropriate pest management techniques. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing pest, traps and only necessary chemical applications will be made to control severe pest problems.

We strive to only use chemicals (pesticides) when necessary to eliminate a pest problem. Saline Area Schools will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Every effort will be made to schedule applications when all students and staff are out of the building or a particular area of the facility grounds are being treated. These areas will be secured against access as necessary for the period specified and taking into account all precautions found on the pesticide label.

We will provide notice of specific pesticide use to any school staff, student or parent who request this notification. You can request this notification by contacting your school building administrator and providing your name, address, phone number & email address. You can request the addition of your name to the contact registry at anytime during the school year. We will provide notice through the school website and email. Notice of "scheduled" pesticide applications will be made not less that two business days (48 hours) prior application. Notice of emergency pesticide applications made to control pest problems will be provided as soon as possible after the application.

This notice will include the following:

- The date and approximate time of the application
- The location of the application
- The reason or purpose of the application
- The name of the pesticide application contractor
- Posting on the schools website

If you wish to be notified of the pesticide applications, please contact your student's school building office.

IPM Designated Person/Coordinator: Rex J. Clary, Director of Operations

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