



CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: **PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION**

Dear Parents,

The Carlynton School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our method 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 habitual cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator, who 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 pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using the IPM approach to pest management. A pesticide will be used only when necessary, and will not be routinely applied.

When a pesticide is necessary, the school will use the least toxic product that is effective.

Applications will be made ONLY when students are NOT in school and will be applied by a certified pesticide applicator. ALL applications will take place in the evenings or weekends.

This process is a change from past years when a directory was created to notify parents of applications.

Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students; gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Dennis McDade, IPM Coordinator, by calling 412-429-2500, ext. 1121.

Thank you and best wishes for a great school year for both you and your child!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Peiffer
Superintendent