Ashley Community Schools

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Annual Notification of Pesticide Application

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that Ashley Community 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 applications of pesticides, however, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, the school or daycare shall 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 or daycare buildings 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 or daycare shall provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods and at least 48 hours prior to the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school / daycare center, which is located at Door #1, and Door #3 of the building. The second method will be by posting in a public, common area of the school or day care center, other than an entrance.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center 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 of application by first class mail, please contact the central office by calling 989-847-4000.

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. Please contact Mike Burlingame at 989-847-4000 EXT 1048 or by email at mburlingame@ashleyschools.net for further information