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Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2021-2022

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Hope Township School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) on school property is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes & facilities that minimize risks to people and the environment. The Hope Township School District will use: site assessment, monitoring, and pest prevention in combination with a variety of pest management tactics to keep pests within acceptable limits. Instead of routine chemical applications, cultural, mechanical, physical, and biological controls will be employed with selective use of pesticides if needed.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school. The IPM Coordinator for the Hope Township School District is:

Joe Carlson
Head Custodian
Hope Township School
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The only pesticides applied at the Hope School during the 2020-2021 school year were Demand EZ (100-1232), Evergreen Pyrethrum Dust (1021-1871) and CB-80 (279-3393). A copy of the Hope Township Board of Education's IPM policy is included in the Parent/Student Handbook. Hope Township School will only apply pesticides as a last resort. Should the need arise to use a pesticide, all staff and students will be notified in writing 72 hours prior to any application. The IPM Coordinator maintains pesticide product labels, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan, the Hope Township School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 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 the 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.