

# 2021 – 2022 ADVISORY

## To ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Ionia Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem. As required by Michigan, you receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

1. Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are: the main entrance, and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
2. Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Mike Avery, Director of Facilities at 616•527•6310 or by emailing him at [mavery@ioniaschools.org](mailto:mavery@ioniaschools.org)

Parents or Guardian of children attending the school are also 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 application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact Mike Avery, Director of Facilities at 616•527•6310. Please give the department person or building secretary, your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child(ren) attend. Your name will be placed on the advanced notification by US Mail list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the months when school is not in regular session (summer), those parents who requested advanced notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. Parents and guardians may call Mike Avery, Director of Facilities at 616•527•6310 at least one day before an application, for advanced notification. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.

Sincerely,

Mike Avery, Director of Facilities and Transportation

616•527•6310

[mavery@ioniaschools.org](mailto:mavery@ioniaschools.org)

# Pesticide Prior Notification Request

School Child(ren) Attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Select the Appropriate Response:

No, I/We do not want to be notified

Yes, I/We only want to be notified whenever any scheduled major pesticide application is made.

Yes, I/We want to be notified even when an ant trap, small bait application or other least toxic application is made.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please report any change of school building to the Director of  
Facilities & Transportation at [mavery@ioniaschools.org](mailto:mavery@ioniaschools.org) or 616-527-  
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