

Advisory to Parents / Guardians

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that the **Public Schools of Petoskey** utilize an Integrated Pest Management (**IPM**) approach to control pests. **IPM** is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in 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 chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advanced 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 day care grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners is not given. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides are be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following the application.

Advanced notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two methods at least 48 hours prior to the application.

- **Method 1: Notification will be posted on the main door of each building.**
- **Method 2: Notification will be posted on the Public Schools of Petoskey's website, (www.petoskeyschools.org). Notification can be found on the website by clicking on the heading "Departments"; Pesticide notification will be found under **Maintenance & Custodial**.**

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the **Public Schools of Petoskey** are entitled to receive advanced notice of a pesticide applications, 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 by first class mail, please notify the District in writing by October 1st of each new school year. Address the letter to:

**Public Schools of Petoskey
Attn: Maintenance Director
1130 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI 49770**

Please state that you would like advanced notice of pesticide applications via USPS mail. State your child's school building in the letter along with your name, address, and phone number.

Questions concerning pesticide application procedures may be directed to **Ron Griffin**, at telephone number **231 348-2344**, e-mail address griffin.rt.m@northmen.org.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the Public Schools of Petoskey may review the school's Integrated Pest Management Program and records of any pesticide application upon request.

