

## Notice of Pesticide Use

Pesticides are periodically applied to school district property as part of the district's pest and grounds management program. Nuisance pests such as bees and wasps and ants and spiders are our most common problem. Herbicides are primarily used to control or eliminate weeds and grass from playgrounds, parking lots and walks. The following procedures will be followed whenever pesticides or herbicides are used at school:

1. Pesticides will be used as a last resort when all other measures to control the problem are exhausted.
2. Pesticides will only be applied after all students and staff have left the building or area of the application or during times when school is not in session.
3. Notices will be posted at the front entrance (Superintendent's Office) and in or near the area(s) being treated for 48 hours after application of any pesticide.

Parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in the district have the right to request prior notification of pesticide and insecticide applications to the buildings and grounds and review the IPM (Integrated Pest Management) program and any record of pesticide use or application. In order to be notified prior to the application of pesticides/ insecticides, the parent or legal guardian must submit a request in writing or by phone to the central office:

Traci Gavenda, Superintendent  
104 N. New Street, P. O. Box 6, Ashley, MI 48806  
989/847-4000

Please understand that emergencies do arise and that pesticides may be applied without prior notice to parents or legal guardians. Parents or legal guardians that have requested prior notification, however, will be notified after pesticide application when an emergency arises.

Commercial applications of pesticides will be performed only by certified or registered applicators where and when required. If a pesticide is applied in a building, students will not occupy the room for a minimum of four hours.

At the time of application, a sign will be posted for 48 hours near the building's primary point of entry. When a pesticide is applied to school district grounds, the application will not be made within 100 feet of occupied classrooms, and flags will be inserted in the ground to mark the application area.

This notice was given in compliance with Regulation 637, as amended by Public Act 131 of 1993.