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Integrated Pest Management Notification Letter

The Yough School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects and rodents. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We regularly monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that may be present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pests, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary. When chemicals are used, the school will use the least toxic products available. Applications will be made only when students and staff do not have access to the area being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days (2) following the application. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the district in writing. Please include your email address if you would like to be notified electronically.

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry, so parents must notify the school each year in which they want to be notified.

Sincerely,

Yough School District