

## Duneland School Corporation Integrated Pest Management Notice

The Duneland School Corporation utilizes an integrated pest management (IPM) approach for controlling insects and rodents throughout School Corporation property. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our Buildings and Grounds staff, who then evaluate the problem and determine the appropriate pest management techniques. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc. If necessary, chemical applications will be made to control severe pest problems.

We strive to only use chemicals (pesticides) when necessary to eliminate a pest problem. The School Corporation will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Every effort will be made to schedule applications when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. These areas will be secured against access as necessary for the period specified and taking into account all precautions found on the pesticide product label.

We will provide notice of specific pesticide use to any school staff, student or parent who requests this notification. You can request this notification by contacting the school nurse in your building and providing your name, address, daytime phone number and, if possible, your e-mail address. You can request the addition of your name to the contact registry at any time during the school year. We will provide notice through the building nurses via e-mail if possible or by telephone if e-mail is not available. Notice of "scheduled" pesticide applications will be made not less than two business days prior to the application. Notice of emergency pesticide applications made to control pest problems will be provided as soon as possible after the application. The notice will include the following information:

- The date and approximate time of the application.
- The location of the application.
- The reason or purpose of the application.

If you wish to be notified of pesticide applications, please contact the school nurse in the building(s) you wish to be notified of pesticide applications.