

## J-37 PEST CONTROL

The school corporation is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

The corporation will:

1. Provide an annual notice to parents and staff members of the corporation's pest control policy at the time of student registration (beginning of the school year), in the school corporation newsletter and/or in the student handbook.
2. Provide the name or position of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.
3. Establish a registry of parents and staff members who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice.
4. Provide notice of planned pesticide applications to parents and employees who have requested (in writing) advance notice.
5. Provide notice of all pesticide applications to the school nurses.
6. Maintain written record for at least ninety days of any pesticide applications.

The school corporation will provide notice at least two school days prior to the date the pesticide application is to occur to those who have made the request in writing (This does not include the occasional use of a household type alcohol application.). The notice will include the date of the pesticide application, the general area where the pesticide is to be applied, and the telephone number to contact the school for more information.

In case of emergency pesticide applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the school shall give written notice as soon as possible.

The corporation may provide training of school employees to become certified pest control applicators. Financial support for such training may be provided by the corporation subject to budgetary constraints of the corporation.

The superintendent shall prepare and disseminate regulations for the implementation of this policy.

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