

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018-19

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member: **SCHOOL IPM**

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Newton Board of Education has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinators for Newton Public Schools are Joseph Van Kirk Director of Facilities and Dr. Alfred Savio, School Business Administrator.

Business Phone number: 973-383-7392

Business Address: 57 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ, 07860

IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan Newton Public Schools may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The Integrated Pest Management Plan will be initially adopted at the August 28, 2018 Board of Education Meeting and the plan and policy will be readopted at the annual Reorganization Meeting in January.

No pesticides were used on school property during the past twelve months. A copy of the IPM Policy is attached to this notice and posted on the district's website.