



Newton Public Schools 2019-2020 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 posted on the district's website www.newtonnj.org

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 Dr. Alfred Savio, School Business Administrator and Joseph Van Kirk, Director of Facilities Services.

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 was initially adopted at the September 28, 2004 Board of Education Meeting and the plan and policy will be readopted each year and posted on the district website.