



BCPS Pest Management Communication

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Byron Center Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc., to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than a bait or gel formulation, at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to provide this notification by using two methods. The first method required by the law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The second method we will use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school.

Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least three days prior to the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please send a letter to the District Administration Building, 8542 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center, Mi. 49315. Please include your name, mailing address, and which school your child attends. In an emergency (for example, a bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling the Facilities and Operations Department at 616.878.6100. This number may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Sincerely,

Doug Gallup, Director
District Services Coordinator