



Bessemer Area School District



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Advisory to Parents / Guardians of Bessemer Area Schools Students

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires that schools and day care centers that may apply pesticides on school or day care property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that the Bessemer Area School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to each school, or the northwest side of the building located at 301 E. Sellar St., Bessemer, MI (WES) and the west entrance of the building located at 100 W. Lead St., Bessemer, MI (ADJ). The second method will be by one of the methods checked below.

- Posting in a public, common area of the school, other than an entrance. We will post near the main office.
- E-mail.
- A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of a student of the school or a message is recorded on an answering machine. (SchoolReach)
- Providing the students of the school with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardians.
- Posting information on the school's web site and/or Facebook page.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days prior to the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please complete the attached form and return it to our office.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.



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REQUEST FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Complete this form ONLY if you are requesting advance notification of a pesticide application via United States Postal Service first-class mail.

Please be advised that you WILL receive notice via the methods identified in the annual advisory notice and should only complete this form if you are also requesting notification by first-class mail.

If you are requesting prior notification of pesticide treatments conducted at this school, other than a bait or gel formulation, and you would like the notice to be delivered by United States Postal Service first-class mail, postmarked at least 3 days prior to the planned treatment, please complete the information on the following form and submit it to: Bessemer Area Schools, 301 E. Sellar St., Bessemer, MI 49911, ATTN: Jay Saari (FAX: 906-667-0318.)

PARENT NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME & GRADE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street/PO Box City, State Zip

DAYTIME PHONE #: _____

EVENING PHONE #: _____

Please check one:

- I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application inside of the school building.
- I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application on the outside grounds of the school building.
- Both of the above

Signature

Date