

## Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that the Manistee Area Public Schools 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, each school will provide 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 their school or daycare buildings or grounds. Advance notice will be provided, even during periods when not in session. Advance notice 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 advance notice to prevent injury to students, but the school or daycare will provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice 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 of the school. Please see below for posting locations. The second method will be by posting information on the district website (<https://chipslead.org>) under "District Announcements".

- Manistee Middle High School 525 Twelfth St. (Main entrance off parking lot, next to the flagpoles)
- Kennedy Elementary School 550 Maple St. (Main entrance off Sixth St., next to the flagpole)
- Jefferson Elementary School 515 Bryant Ave. (Main entrance off the parking lot, South-East corner of the building)
- Madison Community Learning Center 1309 Madison Rd. (Entrance closest to the North-West corner of building, next to the flagpole)

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 a bait or gel formulation, by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first-class mail, please contact Nancy Day at the Central Office by calling 231-398-3722 or email [nday@manistee.org](mailto:nday@manistee.org).

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. Contact Jeff Bowerman at 231-655-3037 or by email at [jbowerman@manistee.org](mailto:jbowerman@manistee.org)