Pesticide Advisory Notice

Summerfield 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 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.

This notice has been provided in compliance with MCL324.8316 and must be provided within 30 days of the beginning of the school year. We are also required to notify you of your right to review the IPM plan and IPM records. An IPM plan and records are required for pesticide applications inside the school, exclusive of sanitizer, disinfectant, germicide, and anti-microbial applications.

You also have the right to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide in or at the school grounds or buildings during this school year, with the exception of bait, gel, sanitizer, disinfectant, germicide, and anti-microbial applications. 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.

At least 48 hours before an application, advance notification will be given by

- 1. Posting at primary entrance to the facility and
- 2. Posting on district's website

In addition to the above methods of notice, the parent/guardian of children attending the school is entitled to receive the notice by first class US mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you need prior notification, please complete the Request for Notice of Pesticide Application form available on the school district website.