



# White Pigeon Community Schools

*“Every Student—Every Day”*

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## Advisory to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that the White Pigeon Community 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 pest 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 buildings during this school year. 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 two methods. The method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school, which is located at door entrance #1. The second method will be by the method of posting on the White Pigeon community schools web site.

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 complete the attached form and return it to our office.

Please be advised that the 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. Any questions regarding White Pigeon community school's (IPM) program. Please contact our IPM representative Bill McClure at (269) 483-7676 EXT 52352.

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