January 17, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We recently found a bed bug in your child’s school. Bed bugs are a nuisance, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body. If you have medical concerns for you or your child, please contact your doctor.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including hotels, planes, and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, White Pigeon Community Schools believes in being proactive and will conduct an inspection district wide. Where needed, we will implement an integrated pest management plan in the area where the bed bug was found, using Zenprox, an approved product.

White Pigeon Community Schools will continue to work with pest management specialists to assist us throughout the school year.

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your school, please contact Shelly McBride or Todd Reynolds.

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, contact your local health department or visit http://www.michigan.gov/bedbugs.

Sincerely,

Carrie Erlandson
Associate Superintendent, White Pigeon Community Schools