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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

In accordance with a regulation adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), we are hereby notifying you of our pest control policy.

Public Act 99-165 requires that any person applying pesticides on the grounds of or in public schools must be licensed as a pesticide applicator. The act also requires that schools notify parents or guardians of enrolled children and staff of their pest control policy, and to inform you that you may register for notice of pesticide applications at your school.

West Orange has adopted a model plan developed by the DEP Pesticide Management Program in accordance with CGS Section 22a-66. The model follows a program called Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

IPM is a common sense approach to pest control that takes into consideration all pests require certain conditions to survive. Pests can often be kept at or below an acceptable level without the use of pesticides by modifying conditions.

Although West Orange has adopted an IPM program, we are required to inform you that you may register for notice of pesticide applications at your school. This means you will be notified prior to a pesticide application. It is important to note that if and when pesticide application is necessary, it is done after 4:00 p.m. on a Friday. The application is done in strict accordance with DEP guidelines using licensed contractors. If you wish to be notified of pesticide applications at your school, please complete the enclosed form and return it to your school's main office.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.
Superintendent