

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice
For School Year 2022-2023
West Essex Regional School District

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey Integrated Pest Management Act. The West Essex School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included in this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for the West Essex Regional School District is as follows:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Mr. Taulant Feti, Director of Buildings & Grounds

Business Phone Number: 973-228-1200 Ext. 1112

Business Address: 65 West Greenbrook Road, North Caldwell, NJ 07006

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the schools.

As part of a school pest management plan, West Essex Regional School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) registers pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that wherever possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

A copy of West Essex Regional Board of Education's Policy #7422-School Integrated Pest Management Plan can be accessed on our district's website at: www.westex.org.

Yours truly,

Melissa Kida

Business Administrator