NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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INTEGRATED PEST

MANAGEMENT (IPM)

The New Milford Board of Education has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy for pest control within the building(s) on the grounds of the New Milford High School, Schaghticoke Middle School, Sarah Noble Intermediate School, Hill & Plain Elementary School and Northville Elementary School. IPM utilizes all available pest control methods such as sanitation, structural maintenance *and* exclusion, maintaining proper soil pH, fertility and moisture, trapping and/or biological controls along with the judicious use of pesticides to maintain pest populations at or below an acceptable level.

Pesticides may be applied if a pest population has been identified through periodic monitoring; and alternative methods of control have not been effective. The least toxic pesticide would be used first. Pesticide applications will not be performed within any building or on the grounds of the school during regular school hours or during planned activities unless an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health. When this occurs, all children and staff will be removed from the area and not allowed to return until it is safe to do so according to the pesticide label.

Parents, guardians and staff who would like to be notified of pesticide applications may contact this office to register. Registrants will be notified of pesticide applications on or before the date of application by email. Notification will include (I) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied, (2) the location of the application on school property, (3) the date of the application, and (4) the name of the school administrator or a designee who may be contacted for further information. Registrants will be notified of any emergency pesticide applications that are made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health by email.

Notice will be sent to any person who registers to be notified if there is any revision or modification to the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan.