

The Board of Education will insure that proper notification is provided to parents and staff members when a pesticide is to be applied: the type of pesticide and its potential side effects, the location of the application, and the date of application, prior to its application.

### **ADVISORY TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

Please be advised that Reeths-Puffer Schools 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 pests 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 or day care grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. 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 (2) methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to your school / day-care center. The second method will be by posting in the Educational Services Building (Administration Office) located at 991 W. Giles Road.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center 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 three (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 submit as indicated.

Please be advised that 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. For more information please contact Mr. Adam Ingalls, Facilities Director, at (231) 744-4736 x2400 or email at [ingallsa@reeths-puffer.org](mailto:ingallsa@reeths-puffer.org).