

NEW CANAAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member,

Pest Control

Because pesticides pose risks, NCPS uses an alternative approach to merely applying pesticides. Control of insects and rodents at our schools focuses on making the school buildings an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we reduce or eliminate available food and water sources and hiding places for the pests. We also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some techniques we use include pest monitoring, sanitation, pest exclusion, proper food storage, pest removal and--as a last resort--pesticides. This holistic approach is often called Integrated Pest Management or (IPM.)

Interior Pest Control

Any application will be preceded by notice to parents, guardians, and staff whom have registered for notification. When that happens, the school will use the lowest risk products available.

Exterior Pest Control

No pesticides will be applied to fields or grounds unless a public health emergency is declared by the State or local health official or Superintendent of Schools. Should a public health emergency occur, all registrants would be notified by means of "Emergency Notification." When that happens, the lowest risk products available will be used.

Your Right to Know

Parents, legal guardians, and school staff who have registered will be notified of specific pesticide applications made inside the schools. To receive notification, you must be placed on the notification registry. Notification will be given at least two days before planned pesticide applications. Please fill out and return the attached registration form if you wish to be notified.

Regards,



Bob Willoughby, Facilities Manager

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In the event of a pesticide application, registrants will be notified by telephone or e-mail.

Available in the main office at each school will be records of prior pesticide applications and information about the pesticides used should an application be made. Additionally, a pest sighting logbook is located in each main office for staff members to report the presence of pests. If you have any questions, you may contact the district's IPM coordinator, Bob Willoughby, at (203) 594-4511.

Notification for Pesticide Application

I am a parent, legal guardian or staff member of the below school(s) and I wish to be notified before pesticide applications are made at a school.

In the event of a pesticide application, I will be notified by telephone or e-mail.

School(s):

Last Name(s):

Phone:

E-mail:

Please e-mail this form to: robert.willoughby@ncps-k12.org

This form can also be dropped off in the main office at Saxe Middle School.