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To: Parents & Staff:

To provide a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and users of school properties, the Central Kitsap School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for managing undesired vegetation and pests. The IPM program is an ecological approach to suppressing pest populations (i.e. weeds, insects, diseases, etc) in which alternative pest controls are considered, and where practical, implemented before chemical controls are used so that pests are kept at acceptable levels in effective, economical and environmentally safe ways.

The District will manage undesired vegetation and other pests in a manner that utilizes an ecological approach, minimizes the use of pesticides, and minimizes the risks to human health and the environment. The District will perform regular monitoring of grounds and facilities to determine when treatments are needed and employ physical, biological, chemical, and education tactics to prevent intolerable damage or annoyance from undesired vegetation or pests. If use of a pesticide is determined to be the most effective, economical, and environmentally safe approach, its application will be timed to minimize adverse effects to human health and beneficial organisms

To notify students, staff, parents and users of school properties of a planned pesticide application, signs will be posted a minimum 48 hours in advance of the application, except when the District IPM Coordinator or his/her designee determines that immediate action is required. If pre-notification is not provided signs will be posted. Signs will be placed at the main entrance to each school and the location of the application and list the name of the pesticide; the date and time of the planned application; the area to be treated; and the name and telephone number of the contact person. Pre-notification will not be sent when students do not occupy the facility for two consecutive days after the application per RCW 17.21.415.

In addition, the District will provide a Notice of Pesticide Application to all interested persons provided they sign the Pesticide Notification Request document located in the main office of each school.

The District Grounds Department makes an effort to apply fertilizer to fields and lawn areas on non-student days. Exact dates for fertilizer application vary each year dependent upon the school calendar and weather conditions. Generally, fertilizer is applied during early October, mid-December, early-April, mid-June, and mid-August.

Respectfully,

Bruce Vidinhar
Grounds Department Supervisor

