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Dr. Frank Ranelli Superintendent of Schools David Oliveira Business Administrator/Board Secretary

September 8, 2020

Re: Pest Management Notification Letter

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff Members:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Piscataway Board of Education 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 schools IPM Policy #3510 (<u>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>). This policy is available for your review on the district website (www.piscatawayschools.org) under District Information. Integrated Pest Management is referred to on Page 3 of that document. Also, the Pest Management Manual is available in the main office of your school.

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 Piscataway Board of Education is:

Coordinator:	William R. Griffith, Facilities Manager
Office Phone:	732-572-2289 Ext. 2613
Address:	Maintenance Department
	13 Ethel Road
	Piscataway, NJ 08854

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) when one is available 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 the 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 school.

As part of a school pest management plan, the Piscataway Board of Education may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register 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, where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

A list of pesticides that are in use or that have been used in the past 12 months on school property is included below:

Pesticide Common Name	Round-up ProMax
Pesticide Trade Name	Same as above
EPA Registration Number	524-579

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our IPM Coordinator William Griffith at 732-572-2289 Ext. 2613. We will take all necessary steps to assure the safety of your children and our staff.

Sincerely,

David Oliveira Business Administrator/Board Secretary