



# Cassopolis Public Schools

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## ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

Please be advised that the Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School 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 grounds or buildings during this school year. 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 methods checked below:

- ☐ Posting at the main entrance of the school.
- ☐ Posting in a public, common area of the school.
- ☐ Posting in the main office.
- ☐ E-mail
- ☐ A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of a student or a message is recorded on an answering machine.
- ☐ Providing students with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardians.
- ☐ Posting on the school's website.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school 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 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 return it to our office.

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.



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## REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Complete this form **ONLY** if you are requesting notification by United States Postal Service first-class mail.

Please be advised that you **WILL** receive notice via the methods identified in the advisory notice and should only complete this form if you are **ALSO** requesting notification by first-class mail.

If you are requesting prior notification of pesticide treatments conducted at this school, other than a bait or gel formulation, and you would like the notice to be delivered by United States Postal Service first-class mail at least 3 days prior to the planned treatment, please complete the information on the following form and submit it to the schools involved:

School Name & Address:

Sam Adams Elementary School; 114 S. Depot Street; Cassopolis, MI 49031

Cassopolis Middle School; 725 Center Street; Cassopolis, MI 49031

Alternative Ed/Adult Education Center; 22721 Diamond Cove Road; Cassopolis, MI 49031

Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School; 22721 Diamond Cove Road; Cassopolis, MI 49031

Contact Person: Brian Smith, Operations/Buildings & Ground Supervisor; 269-445-0624

I wish to receive a prior notice of any pesticide application to the school or day care center by first-class mail.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE 1: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE 2: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL(please PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_