

# Memo

To: All Building Principals and Program Directors  
From: Curt Saindon and Dan Spacek  
CC: Tom Hurlburt  
Date: 8/26/09  
Re: Notice Requirement for Integrated Pest Management Services and Outdoor Spraying Activities

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Several years ago the Structural Pest Control Act was passed by the state legislature. This law states that school districts in Illinois must follow “Integrated Pest Management Practices” in addressing pest and rodent infestation in our buildings. This law was administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Similarly, the outdoor spraying or application of pesticides, fertilizers, turf management products, etc. is governed by the Illinois Pesticide Act and the Lawn Care Products Application and Notification Act. These two Acts are administered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. A few weeks ago Governor Quinn signed into law the “Pesticide Application at Schools Act” that merges guidance and oversight for both indoor and outdoor sprayings that occur on school grounds. What these acts means for you, is that we no longer use traditional pest control practices whereby we would automatically spray for bugs and rodents every time we identify an infestation, and also periodically as a precautionary measure. We instead use an integrated pest management program (IPM) as outlined in the legislation. Under IPM our service provider will be visiting each building periodically to monitor the pest and rodent activity in the buildings by placing traps and baits (non-airborne measures) in various locations as needed. If they determine a high activity or infestation then they will step up monitoring and the placement of baits and traps in an effort to solve the problem. If this does not solve the problem then they may spray, but only as a last resort and after providing proper notice to the school district and any interest persons at least 96 (previously 48) hours prior to spraying. All spraying should occur after normal school hours or on weekends when most, if not all, students and staff are gone. Under IPM the school district must develop a contact or notification list of any employees, students, parents or community members who wish to be notified 96 hours in advance in the event that spraying will take place in a particular building (unless the spraying is being done for emergency reasons in which case we would provide notice as soon as possible before the spraying occurs).. You should continue to notify Dan Spacek or Curt Saindon (the two licensed IPM contacts for the School District) of any identified infestations through e-mails and/or maintenance work orders, and we will note

these instances in our pest control management log and work with our service provider to make sure the infestations are attended to and eliminated. As our service provider visits the buildings and follows up on reported infestations, or as they make ordinary and routine visits, they will take the appropriate steps as outlined under IPM guidelines to deal with the affected areas and hopefully remediate the problem.

In order to comply with the notification requirements of the all three Acts, the Business Office will be putting a notice in our community newsletter and a local newspaper of general circulation once a year so that any community member who wants to be put on the notification list can be informed in the event that airborne spraying or fertilizer application is needed in a particular building or on a particular school's grounds. We will keep this notification list on hand in the Business Office and inform all buildings accordingly. We will also put this notification in our school calendar information and on our web site to inform all parents of this program. Each school also needs to notify their staff, students and parents of this program by placing a notice in their school newsletter once a year (preferably at the beginning of each school year). I have included wording for this notice below. Please include this notice in your school newsletter and let Curt know what month you put it in. Curt will then keep a copy of the newsletter for our files. This will ensure compliance with all relevant acts. Thank you.

The notification to be included in your school newsletter should be written as follows:

*“Frankfort School District #157-C complies with the Illinois Structural Pest Control Act, the Illinois Pesticide Act, the Illinois Lawn Care Products Application and Notification Act, and the Pesticide Application at Schools Act through the active involvement in an Integrated Pest Management Program and an Outdoor Spraying and Fertilizer Application Program. As part of this program the district relies to the greatest extent possible on non-toxic, biological, cultural and mechanical pest management practices as well as the use of natural pest control agents. Chemical and airborne pesticides will be used only when necessary, and as a last resort, with a preference given for products that are the least harmful to human health and the environment. This practice applies to indoor and outdoor pesticide, fertilizer, turf management or other similar applications or sprayings. Such chemical and airborne applications will, if at all possible, be made only after normal business hours or on weekends to minimize the exposure to any individuals who normally access our buildings. As part of these programs, any individual(s) wishing to be placed on a notification list for indoor sprayings, outdoor sprayings, or both, can contact the Frankfort School District Business Office at 815-469-5922, ask for Sandy Pechtold, and let her know you would like to be put on the IPM and/or Outdoor Spraying Notification list for airborne spraying. By providing your name, address, phone number, and the school district buildings and/or sites you would like to be notified about, the Maintenance Department will attempt to contact you 96 hours in advance whenever possible, and no less than 48 in advance when necessary, of any scheduled airborne or chemical applications being undertaken inside or outside our buildings, or as soon as possible in the event any emergency spraying applications are needed. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Curt Saindon in the District Office at 815-469-5922.”*

The District Office will notify anyone who wishes to be put on the notification list in the event that chemical pesticide spraying is needed. Thanks in advance for your help with this request and let me know if you have any questions.