



August 2011 – District 834 Pesticide Notice

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All Minnesota schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide applications on school property. Pesticides include such chemicals that are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by law (M.S. 123B.575, Subd. 9).

In order to provide the required information, schools must maintain a list of parents/guardians who require notification. Schools must also provide information about individual pesticide application upon request, including the name of the pesticide product, and the time and location of the planned application. An estimated schedule of pesticide application is available for review or copying at your school office.

Pesticides and non-chemical treatments may be used in combination in and around schools for a variety of reasons, including the control of pests which have the potential to bite, sting, spread disease, cause asthma, and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Pesticides may also be used to prevent or control damage to materials within the school building or to the building itself, or to control pests or weeds that are seen as a nuisance.

The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. Children may be more susceptible to pesticides than adults due to their smaller size and rapid growth and development.

To limit potential pesticide exposure, District 834 uses a trained and licensed pest control service, and our staff follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are used properly. All pesticide products that are used in and around school buildings must be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including sites, application rates, re-entry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label.

If you would like to be notified of pesticide application on dates outside the general schedule, please fill out this form and return it to your school office. Please direct questions to: 651-351-8378.

Request for Pesticide Notification

Your Name _____ Date _____

Student Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____

E-mail _____