

## **Integrated Pest Management Notification Anson County Schools (ACS)**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We would like to inform you that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds will be used at all Anson County Public Schools. The IPM approach ACS will be using focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources, and hiding places for the pests. ACS will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some IPM techniques we will employ include monitoring, increased sanitation, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, and modifying storage practices.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to control a pest problem, when all other methods have been exhausted, chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals must be used, the school will try to use the least toxic products available. Any pesticides that are applied in the school will be applied by a licensed pest control technician and will be monitored by the IPM Coordinator. Access to treated areas will be secured against unauthorized access for the period specified on the pesticide label. Notices will be posted at application sites and will remain visible until the safe re-entry time is met. For your convenience, we have a list of pesticides that may be used in the schools this school year and their Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). This list may be obtained by contacting the IPM Coordinator at 704-695-6735.

You may request prior notification of unscheduled specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the notification registry. The registrants will be notified at least 72 hours before a pesticide is applied. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided as soon as possible after the application. Exemptions to this notification include cleaners (disinfectants), glue traps, pesticides formulated as baits or gels, and any EPA exempt pesticide. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please complete and return the enclosed form.

### **Notification for Specific Pesticide Application**

\_\_\_\_\_ School

I would like to be notified before specific pesticide application is made at this school. I understand that I will be notified after the application, if the pest problem requires an emergency application. I also understand that there will be no notification for EPA exempt pesticides, cleaners, or bait and gel products.

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to the School Main Office**