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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Solanco School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect students and staff from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for insect pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. Additionally, we routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate management techniques to address the problem.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the district will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the district *in writing* of the name of your child(ren), their school, their grade, and your phone number. Send your request to: IPM Registry, Solanco School District, 121 South Hess Street, Quarryville, PA 17566. Please include your email address if you would like to be notified electronically.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and anti-microbial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business Office.

Sincerely,



Sandra S. Tucker
Business Manager