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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy of the South Country Central School District. Integrated Pest Management is a systematic approach to managing pests focusing on long-term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. IPM incorporates all reasonable measures for control of structural and landscape pests to minimize the amount and toxicity of pesticides used in the district. The school district is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notice of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are *not* subject to prior notification requirements:

1. Anti-microbial products
2. Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
3. Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
4. Silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
5. Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
6. The application of EPA-designated biopesticides
7. The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40 CFR §152.25
8. The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets

In addition, there will be no written notice of such application when a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like your name placed on the list please fill out and return the attached form to South Country Central School District, attention Tom Brienza at 189 N. Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, N.Y. 11772.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network information phone number 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health info line at 1-800-458-1158.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Fink
Health and Safety