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## **ANNUAL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021**

Dear Parent, Guardian & Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Palisades Park Public School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the schools IPM Policy.

All Schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school. The IPM Coordinator for the Palisades Park Public School District is each building Principal. They can be reached at Palisades Park HS (201) 941-1100, Lindbergh Elementary School (201) 947-3556 and Early Childhood Center (201) 947-2761.

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to the parents, guardians and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of the School Pest Management Plan, the Palisades Park Public School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.