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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community,

The Hillside School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (“IPM”) approach to managing pests. The goal of IPM is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present, as well as any conditions that are conducive to future pest problems.

The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office and teaching staff. Pest sightings, if any are reported to our IPM Coordinator and recorded in pest sighting logbooks. The IPM Coordinator evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to eradicate the problem based on the recommendation of the pest management company. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

As part of a school pest management program the Hillside School District may be using 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 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 exposure.

A pesticide will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when persons other than the Pest Management Professional will not be occupying the area(s) being treated. If a high impact pesticide is to be used, notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior and will remain posted 72 hours after the pesticide application. Also, a notice will be effectuated to all parties as required by the School IPM Act (parents/guardians, faculty, etc.) 72 hours prior to the application. The only exception will be when a pest problem is considered emergent, the notification will be effectuated 24 hours prior to the pesticide application.

An IPM informational binder has been placed in the main office at each school location, which includes all the necessary reporting forms and Material Safety Data Sheets ("MSDS") for all pesticides that have and/or may be used throughout the year. Each year, the school district is required to notify all parent(s)/guardians(s), staff members and students attending the school, of any pesticide applications that have been made in the past 12 months. In addition, the IPM Coordinator maintains the product label and MSDS, when available, of each pesticide used on school property. This information is available for review by any parent/guardian, staff member and student attending the school.

If you have any questions, please contact the IPM Coordinator:

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Pesticides used in the past 12 months: (Trade and Common Name, EPA Registration #)

TRADE NAME	COMMON NAME	EPA REGISTRATION #
Snap Traps (rodent control)	Mechanical Traps	
Nontoxic Glue Boards (monitoring and trapping)	Glue Boards	

Sincerely,



David DeFluri
CEFM/IPM Coordinator