Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2024 – 2025

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Montgomery Township 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 school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

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 Montgomery Township School District is: Michael O'Neill, Director of Facilities 1014 Route 601, Skillman, NJ 08558 (609) 466-7601 x-7012

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

As part of a school pest management plan Montgomery Township 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.

The following items must be included with this annual notice:

- The District's School <u>Integrated Pest Management Policy (#7422)</u> was adopted May 25, 2004.
- The School <u>Integrated Pest Management Policy (#7422)</u> was readopted at the January 5, 2024 Board Meeting held in the Cafeteria of Orchard Hill Elementary School.
- A <u>list of pesticides</u> that are in use or that have been used in the past 12 months on school property.