SAMPLE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CALENDARS

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program employed by the County Public School is a proactive rather than a reactive approach to insect and rodent control in school facilities. The IPM program includes routine inspections or surveys of all school facilities to identify conditions conducive to pest invasion, to ensure early detection of pest presence, and to monitor infestation levels. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventative strategies and alternatives to pesticide application, such as: employee education, source reduction, inspection and identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation. Each approach is monitored and evaluated, and modifications are made if necessary. Pesticides are used only as a last resort.

Maryland Law requires that parents of all elementary school children be notified prior to a pesticide application made in a school building or to school grounds. Parents of middle school or high school students who wish to be notified prior to a pesticide application in a school building or to school grounds must request that they be placed on the school system's pesticide notification list. To

be added to the notification list, send a written request which includes your name, address, and telephone number as well as your child's name and school to:

Insert Name of School Contact Person
_____ County Public School System
Insert Address
City, State, Zip

The following is a list of the pesticides and bait stations, by common name, that may be used on school property during the school year. The list includes, but is not limited to:

abamectin pyrethrin Hydramethylnon silica gel boric acid orthoboric acid

Copies of material safety data sheets (MSDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained by the contact person. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Insert (Name of Contact Person) to arrange an appointment. For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact Insert (Name of Contact Person) at (Insert telephone number).