

Initial Notification to Persons in Parental Relation and Staff Pursuant to

Section 409-h of the State Education Law and Commissioner's Regulation 155.24.*

May 1, 2009

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff::

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner's Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, require all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. BETHELEHM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- 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 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 to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to (Charlie Blanchard, Maintenance Mechanic, BCSD Operations and Maintenance Department). Mr. Blanchard, the school pesticide representative, can be reached by phone at 439-2123 and by fax at 439-2264. He can also be contacted for further information on these requirements.

(BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT)

Request for Pesticide Application Notification

If you are a person in parental relation list the school(s) your child(ren) attend(s): _____

If you are a school employee list the school(s) or building(s) regularly worked in: _____

Name:

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Sincerely,

Charlie Blanchard, School Pesticide Representative

*Written notification must be provided to **all** persons in parental relation and staff at the following intervals throughout the school year: at the beginning of the school year or the beginning of summer school; within 2 school days of the end of: the January break, spring recess and the end of summer school; and within 10 days of the end of the school year.

(BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) uses an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to pests.
IPM is recommended by the NYS Education Department and the US EPA.