

South Orangetown Central School District

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Dear Staff and Parents:

The South Orangetown School District as a part of its ongoing safety program is providing you with important information concerning the use of pesticides. The primary control method for dealing with pests in our district is a technique known as Integrated Pest Management. This method of pest control involves using strategies other than pesticides to control pests. However, as with any pest management system, the use of pesticides may be required in some situations.

Pesticides may be used periodically throughout the school year both inside the district buildings and on the surrounding grounds. These applications, when required, **will be made by certified individuals in accordance with the label directions**. Individuals that wish to be notified forty-eight hours in advance of pesticide application should complete the notification form. Prior to any scheduled application, the Assistant Director of Facilities, Anthony Dario, shall provide notification to all parties on the list. This notification will apply information regarding the application, its location, and the date of the application, the material being applied and how to obtain more information about the product. In the event of an emergency, application that is 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. Should you have any questions regarding pesticide applications and the notification list, you should contact Anthony Dario at (845) 680-1800, fax (845) 680-1972 or email adario@socsd.org, during normal business hours.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to the 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 insecticide 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 tetra hydrate
- 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.

The South Orangetown Central School District goal is to provide a safe environment for all of our students, staff and visitors. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dario