

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64** 

PROCEDURE 3700 Pest Management

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

Section: Health and Safety Dates of Revisions: Date of Adoption and Resolution Number: June 13, 2018- 76/18

- 1. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures will determine when, and by what means, pests will be controlled, in the interest of minimizing potential risk to people property and the environment.
- **2.** In deciding upon possible responses to a pest issue, the full range of alternatives will be considered, including 'No Action.'
- **3.** When the application of pesticides is required, the matter will be referred to a licensed, qualified contractor, to ensure selection and proper application of the pesticide most appropriate to the situation.
- **4.** Pesticides will be applied:
  - a. only when when students are not expected for normal academic instruction or organized extracurricular activities for at least 24 hours following the application; or
  - b. where these are used in a limited way, in response to an emergency.
- 5. The board directs principals to consult with the Superintendent of Schools regarding school pest problems, and the possibility of an emergency school closure for pest-related reasons.
- 6. The District will support implementation of the IPM program by:
  - a. providing staff development programs for all employees regarding storage of food, perishable instructional materials, cleaning techniques, and the operating of traps.
  - b. educating staff, students, pest managers, and the public about potential school pest problems and the IPM policies and procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives.
- 7. Current and accurate records of pesticide use shall be kept.
- **8.** The principal of the school will:

- a. ensure that students as appropriate, their parents/guardians, and school-level employees are advised whenever pesticide application is planned
- b. give 72 hours' notice prior to pesticide application.
- c. take particular care in relation to those who have self-identified as being pesticide hypersensitive.

## **References:**

- BC Ministry Of Environment Integrated Pest Management Regulation (rev. July, 2016)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Strategy on Pesticides