

# PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and staff

FROM: Bob Shea  
Director of Buildings and Grounds

SUBJECT: "Notice of Prior Pesticide Application"

The Portland Public Schools, in compliance with State of Connecticut regulations, has set policies to provide a safe environment for our students and personnel.

All pest control on school property will consist of a monthly inspection with a licensed professional inspector and the head custodian of each school. An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) control plan has been adopted by the Portland Board of Education and will be used for pest control. Monitoring devices will be placed in identified areas and checked monthly. Pest control will consist of nontoxic ways of eliminating pests. In the event a pesticide must be used, it will be applied by licensed professional personnel only and applications shall be limited to nonschool hours and when activities are not taking place.

Prior Notice of Pesticide Applications will be posted on the Portland Public Schools website, [www.portlandctschoools.org](http://www.portlandctschoools.org), and in school newsletters. Portland Public Schools Policy 3524.1, Non-Instructional Operations, Hazardous Material in Schools, is available at each school in the main office and on the district website.

Email notification will be used whenever possible.