

ADOPT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education adopt a policy on integrated pest management.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and promote the principles of Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") throughout the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"). IPM is a method of pest control that emphasizes correcting the root causes of pest problems and the use of non-toxic and least-hazardous methods to address existing pest problems. Pests, as used herein, refer to any unwanted insects, birds, rodents and other animals. Conventional pest control relies primarily on pesticides to control pests. Pesticides are by nature poisons and can affect the health of children and staff. Children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides because of their smaller size, undeveloped systems, and their natural tendencies to explore their environments. Additionally, pesticide sprays aggravate asthma, a condition that afflicts many CPS students. In contrast, IPM focuses on preventing pest problems and prioritizing the use of control measures other than pesticides. CPS is dedicated to protecting the health and welfare of its students and employees and controlling pests is important to the health and safety of students and employees.

This policy is set forth in accordance with Public Act 91-0525 (the "Act"), which provides for guidelines developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (the "Department") regarding the adoption of an IPM. Section 10.2(b) of the Act states, "When economically feasible, each school is required to adopt an integrated pest management program that incorporates the guidelines developed by the Department. If adopting an integrated pest management program would not be economically feasible because it would result in an increase in the school's pest control cost, the school district must provide written notification to the Department. The notification must include projected pest control costs for the term of the pest control program and projected costs for implementing integrated pest management for that same time period. The Department shall make this notification available to the general public upon request. In implementing an integrated pest management program, a school employee should be designated to assume responsibility for the oversight of pest management practices in that school and for record keeping requirements."

On July 21, 2000, CPS notified the Department that a review of the costs associated with implementing an IPM program throughout its public school system had been completed. The analysis showed that the costs of implementing an IPM program in accordance with the Department's guidelines substantially exceeded the cost of the current pest control program. Therefore, based on the economic feasibility analysis, CPS informed the Department that it was not feasible to implement an IPM program at this time. CPS, however, recognizes that IPM principles and guidelines are important and should be incorporated into the present practices wherever and whenever possible.

POLICY TEXT:

It shall be the policy of CPS that IPM will be used, wherever and whenever possible, to prevent and control pest problems in schools operated by CPS. Non-chemical controls shall be given preference over chemical controls. Least-hazardous chemical controls shall be given preference over other chemical controls. CPS will strive to achieve the goal of effective pest control while minimizing pesticide applications and pesticide exposure by:

- Providing training and resources to staff on IPM;
- Amending pest control contracts to require IPM;
- Limiting scheduled pesticide applications; and
- Providing notification and information to parents and staff regarding pesticide applications, in writing, two business days prior to applications of pesticide, excluding anti-microbial agents and insecticide and rodenticide baits.

SCOPE OF THIS POLICY:

This policy promotes and encourages the use of IPM principles by schools, regions and central office departments. Each principal and administrator, with his/her staff, will be encouraged to incorporate, where possible, IPM principles with assistance from the Departments of Operations and Specialized Services.

Approved for Consideration:



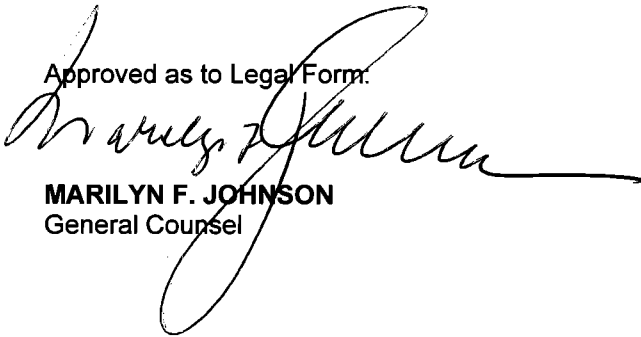
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