



**Hamburg Area School District**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Hamburg Area School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds in and around our facilities. Pests live in areas that provide food, water, and shelter. Our IPM approach manages pests through sanitation, exclusion, and non-chemical devices first.

Managing pests is a team effort that consists of our building maintenance staff, office personnel, professional staff, support staff and our students. The students aid the team effort by reporting pests when sighted to an adult at their facility.

An adult can report the pest sightings to our Facilities Department. The Department evaluates the problem and determines the appropriate technique to address the problem. The techniques may include increased sanitation, modified storage of certain items, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

There may be times when it will be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. When chemicals are used, the school district will try to use the least toxic product when available. Application will take place when unauthorized persons will not be in the treated area. Notices will be posted 72 hours prior to the application and will remain posted for 48 hours after the application has been completed. Notices will not be posted for the following: disinfectants, anti-microbial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas that are not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks and crevices.

Parents and guardians of students enrolled in Hamburg Area School District may request prior notification of pesticide applications made at their child's building. If you would like to be contacted prior to any pesticide application, please send your contact information: school, child's name, address, phone number and email to the Facilities Department's attention at the above address. Each year you will be required to renew this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elaine Ruppert'.

Director of Facilities

Hamburg Area School District