

To: Parents and Staff
From: Tim Gronski, CSBO
Re: Integrated Pest Management

A state law, which went into effect August 1, 2000, requires implementation of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to pest control in schools. A major part IPM is to minimize exposure to pesticides in the school environment. We have implemented policies and procedures to assure that.

The law requires the least aggressive method of pest control when it comes to the use of chemicals. Non-threatening pests are not automatically confronted with pesticides. Monitoring, baiting, and removal of the source of the attraction to the pest are the first response actions.

Chemical treatment for pests will only occur when other methods have failed, and the pests remain a threat. Chemical treatment will only take place “after hours” and only in areas where needed. Typical areas for treatment are maintenance areas, kitchen, and restrooms where food and water attract the pests. If required, treatment would be with EPA approved chemicals. All monitoring, baiting, and treatment is recorded in a log book which is kept in the office of each building.

The following is a schedule of when each building is inspected as part of the Integrated Pest Management program.

| School Building | Day of the Month | Time |
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| Northside Elementary School | 2 nd Tuesday | 4:15 PM |
| Southwest Elementary School | 2 nd Tuesday | 3:45 PM |
| Millikin Elementary School | 2 nd Tuesday | 3:15 PM |
| Unit Office | 3 rd Tuesday | 2:15 PM |
| Geneseo H. S. & Athletic Facility | 3 rd Tuesday | 3:30 PM |
| Geneseo Middle School | 4 th Monday | 3:15 PM |

The law also requires notification to parents and staff members if chemical treatment will take place. Parents may request to be notified if there would be chemical treatment of the school buildings or grounds. Forms are available at the office in each school building or on the District’s webpage at www.geneseoschools.org.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Integrated Pest Management Policy in the Geneseo School District, please call the Unit Office @ 309 - 945-0450.