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To the Parents of Silver Falls School District students:

This letter is to inform you of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) law enacted on July 1, 2012 that Oregon Schools must abide by (ORS 637.700-637.750). We are required to notify staff, students, and parents anytime there is a scheduled application of a pesticide at any of our school campuses. In that notification you will find expected application date, name of the pesticide being applied, the EPA registration number of the pesticide, and other information. You will find our IPM plan on the Silver Falls School District web page; <http://silverfallsschools.org>

For each application of a pesticide – inside or outside – we are required to post a sign in the vicinity of the application on that school campus. On occasion you may see signs with information about a pesticide application at a school, but please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep these applications to a minimum and only using the safest of products to achieve the expected results. There will be contact information on the application posting signs if you have questions about the application or what products are being used.

An OSU faculty member with expertise in pesticide toxicology has reviewed all of the pesticides that we use, and they meet the requirements of a “low-impact pesticide” as defined by ORS 634.705 (5). They never have a label category that is higher than Caution and contain no known carcinogens.

I would also encourage you to review the entire OSU School IPM program at http://www.ipmnet.org/tim/IPM_in_Schools/IPM_in_Schools-Main_Page.html to see how we go about improving the condition of our schools to create a healthier environment for your children. It is all about educating, communicating, and eliminating pests through cleaning and organizing our environment. We are sealing up our buildings, eliminating clutter, keeping food in plastic storage containers, eliminating leaks and drips in our plumbing, properly pruning our landscaping, and being more thorough in our cleaning efforts. Through these efforts we are eliminating the three things that pests need to survive: Food, Water, and Shelter. These practices also save school district dollars that would otherwise be spent on pesticides.

If you have questions you may contact me at: stanley_lorin@silverfalls.k12.or.us or call 503-873-5303 ext. 1126.

Thank you,

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