

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF OF A PESTICIDE APPLICATION

Montgomery County Public Schools Integrated Pest Management procedures, such as inspections and monitoring, are used to determine when to control pests and to identify conditions contributing to pest problems. The necessity for pest control, if warranted, is evaluated and one or more pest control methods including sanitation, structural repair, non-chemical methods and pesticides is utilized as a last resort, when all other means have been exhausted. Problem areas are identified where alternative pest control technologies can be incorporated in order to eliminate routine pesticide applications. It has been determined that a current pest problem warrants the use of a pesticide to effectively control the pest problem.

School: Gaithersburg High School

Location(s) of the Pesticide Application: The Entire Second floor

Planned Date and Time of Application: Friday, March 1, 2019 12 – 2pm

Reason for Pesticide Application: Mice

If extenuating circumstances arise, the intended pesticide application may have to be delayed or postponed to a later date(s).

Note: The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Regulations pertaining to Integrated Pest Management and Notification of Pesticide Use in Public Schools require that the following information be provided as part of this notice:

"The Office of Pesticide Programs of the United States Environmental Protection Agency has stated: 'Where possible, persons who potentially are more sensitive, such as pregnant women and infants (less than two years old), should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure'."

The following information regarding potential adverse effects was taken from the material safety data sheet (MSDS) of the pesticide to be applied:

Product Name: FirstStrike Soft Bait

Common Name: Difethialone

EPA Registration Number: 7173-258

Health Hazard Data: May cause irritation to eyes. If in **Eyes:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. If on **Skin** or clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with plenty of cool water for 15-20 minutes. If **Ingested:** Call a poison control center or doctor. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor.

If you require further information regarding this notice, you can contact Mr. Joseph Likambi, of the Pest Management Office at, (240) 740-2330.

NB:

This is not a spray.