

September 14, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you of the use of emergency application of pesticides on school grounds due to a large nest of stinging yellow jackets discovered on Monday September 11, 2023. Due to the highly aggressive nature of yellow jackets, and for the safety and wellbeing of our students, the decision was made to bring in a licensed pesticide company to dispose of the hive. Among stinging insects, yellow jackets are the most concerning. They may aggressively defend their nests and can sting multiple times when threatened. Sometimes just coming near a nest, especially if it has been previously disturbed, can provoke attack.

As required by the State of Michigan Law, in certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without advance notice to prevent injury to students, but the school or daycare will provide notice following any such application. Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or daycare center may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. If you have any questions regarding the districts pest management procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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