September 10, 2016

Dear Parents and Staff:

The Hartford Public School District has adopted an integrated pest management (IPM) program per Public Act No. 99-165, an act concerning the pesticide application at schools and day care centers.

This law dictates that on or After July 1, 2000, no person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory certification or a pesticide applicator with operational certification under the direct supervision of a supervisory applicator, may apply pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school. It shall not apply in the case of an emergency application of pesticide to eliminate an immediate threat to human health.

The Hartford Public School District has contracted the services of Guardian Pest Control, a state registered commercial pesticide application business, to implement our Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM). The plan will utilize all methods of pest control which may include structural maintenance, sanitation, monitoring for pest populations, mechanical and biological control, and if necessary, the judicious use of pesticides.

Pesticide applications will not be performed within the schools or on grounds during regular school hours or during planned school activities unless an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health. When this occurs, all staff and students will be removed from the area and not allowed to return until it is safe to do so.

Parents, guardians, and staff who would like to be notified of pesticide applications may make such a request by submitting a written request to:

Facilities Department
Pesticide Application Notification Program
388 Wethersfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114

Registrants will be notified of pesticide applications on or before the date of application in writing or by email. Please ensure to provide the method and address for notification. Information provided will be the active ingredient of pesticide being applied, the location of the application on the school property, the date of the application and the name of the school administrator, or a designee, who may be contacted for further information.