



## CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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### 2025/2026 ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Caledonia Community Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following method:

Post at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.

Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Tom Pickard at 616-891-0225 or [pickardt@calschools.org](mailto:pickardt@calschools.org).

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact Tom Pickard, Maintenance/Operations Supervisor, and/or Jennifer Osborn, Operations Secretary, at the following number: 616-891-0225. Please give the Department person's or secretary, your name, mailing address, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and they will put your name on the advance notification by US Mail list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during summer months when school is not in regular session (summer), those parents who requested advance notice by mail may be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone or text message notification system. The school will continue posting advanced notification at the school by methods identified above.

Sincerely,

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