

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Posting and Notification in Schools**

Whereas, the Pesticide Control Board has received testimony from the general public that parents are concerned about the application of pesticides in and around schools; and

Whereas, the Pesticide Control Board recognizes the importance of informing parents, guardians and staff of pesticide applications in and around schools; and

Whereas, the Pesticide Control Board recognizes the need for flexibility in the methods employed by school administrators for posting and notification of parents, guardians, and staff of pesticide applications in and around schools; and

Whereas, the use of chemical pesticides may be necessary, as part of an overall integrated pest management program, to protect the health of students and staff, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Pesticide Control Board endorses and supports voluntary programs by Virginia schools to provide information on pesticide applications in and around schools to parents, guardians and staff and be it;

Further Resolved, that the Pesticide Control Board recommends that school administrators consider and adopt the Board's "Recommended Procedures for Posting and Notification in Schools."

**VIRGINIA PESTICIDE CONTROL BOARD'S**  
**RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR POSTING AND NOTIFICATION**  
**OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS IN AND AROUND SCHOOLS**

1. School administrators should consider establishing a "Pesticide Notification List" of parents, guardians and staff who request prior notification of a pesticide application.
2. School administrators should consider providing parents, guardians and staff with information regarding pesticide applications in and around schools. The information may include any or all of the following:
  - a. Statement that pesticides may be applied periodically on school property during the school year;
  - b. Statement that a pesticide may be applied in an emergency situation without prior notification to a parent, guardian or staff; or
  - c. Notice that pesticide product labels will be made available for review by parents, staff, or students.
3. School administrators should consider posting a permanent pesticide application sign at a central bulletin board.
4. School administrators should consider posting of permanent pesticide application signs near areas which receive pesticide applications on a frequent or routine basis, i.e. cafeterias, lunch rooms.
5. School administrators should consider posting a sign at the main entrance or at visible locations of the treated area at the time of a pesticide application in common access areas.

\* The above recommendations are not intended to apply to the use of pesticide gels, baits, or pastes.