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IPS is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests such as insects, weeds, molds, and rodents that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices in Edison School of the Arts may involve a variety of chemical and non- chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

Pursuant to this commitment, IPS will:

- A. ensure that pesticides are only applied by certified pesticide applicators or individuals operating under their supervision.
- B. ensure that pesticides are not applied when children are present or are likely to be exposed to a pesticide residue.
- C. inform parents and Edison School of the Arts staff members of IPS' Pest Control Policy at least annually, and include in this notice the name and phone number of a contact for more information.
- D. establish a registry of parents and Edison School of the Arts staff members who request advance notice of all but minor pesticide uses, and ensure that school health professionals are on the registry.

- E. provide two (2) school days advance notice of pesticide use to those on the registry except when the pests pose an immediate health threat or threaten to disrupt a normal learning environment.
- F. whenever advance notice is not provided, notify those on the registry as soon as possible thereafter, and include an explanation for the delayed notice and what pesticide was applied.

This policy does not apply to the following minor uses of pesticides:

- A. germicides, disinfectants, bactericides, sanitizing agents, water purifiers, and swimming pool chemicals used in normal cleaning activities;
- B. personal insect repellants when self applied;
- C. human or animal ectoparasite control products administered by qualified health professional or veterinarians;
- D. manufactured enclosed paste or gel bait insecticides where students do not have access to the bait.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate procedures for the implementation of the policy.

