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To Staff, Parents/Guardians,

The mission of the Bayonne Board of Education is to provide optimum learning opportunities for all students in a safe, secure, inclusive learning environment that fosters personal and interpersonal growth, lifelong learning, and a strong sense of community.

One of our primary goals this school year is to improve student achievement in clean, safe, orderly, and welcoming schools. We continuously monitor all aspects of the educational environment to ensure the success of all of our students.

Recently, New Jersey and other states have seen an **increased** number of bed bug infestations plaguing residents. We want to make sure that as bed bugs infest more and more homes, they do not find their way into our schools.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places such as hotels, planes, and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, the Bayonne Board of Education will continue to work to identify bed bugs, provide thorough inspections of our schools, and have licensed pest control specialists assist with pest management.

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your child's school, please contact me or your child's principal. If you have questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/phss/documents/bedbugfactsheet.pdf>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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