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## ANNUAL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

## WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL #9

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. <u>Washington</u> <u>Community School #9</u> has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use to the school.

The IPM Coordinator for Washington Community School #9 is: SCOTT NOLAN

Business Address: c/o Bayon 667 Aven Bayonne,

c/o Bayonne High School 667 Avenue A Bayonne, NJ 07002 Phone: 201-858-5809

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (When one is available), of each pesticide product that MAY BE USED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. The label and MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

In an effort to reduce risks that are associated with a Pest Control Program, the school has contracted Bayonne Exterminating Company to serve as a licensed Pest Management Professional. Bayonne Exterminating would like to extend itself to you, as parents and staff, to answer any questions and allay any fears you might have. Please contact the office via phone (201) 339-5119 during regular business hours, or email them at <a href="mailto:ralphjr@bayexco.com">ralphjr@bayexco.com</a> with any concerns or questions.

As part of a school pest management plan <u>Washington Community School #9</u> may use pesticides to control pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

As an extra added precaution, Bayonne Exterminating has designed its School IPM Program with Low-Impact and/or botanically derived Minimum Risk pesticides used only when necessary. Non-Low-Impact pesticides may be used if, and only if, there is significant health threat posed by pest infestation and proper notification has been affected.

A copy of the school district's IPM policy is enclosed and all MSDS sheets are on file in the office of the IPM Coordinator.