Annual Notifications for 2020-21

Pesticides and non-chemical treatments may be used in combination in and around schools for a variety of reasons, including the control of pests which have the potential to bite, sting, spread disease, cause asthma, and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Pesticides may also be used to prevent or control damage to materials within the school building or to the school building itself, or to control pests or weeds that are seen as a nuisance. The long-term effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. Children may be more susceptible to pesticides than adults due to their small size and rapid growth and development. Also, their playful behavior may expose them to more pesticide residues.

To limit potential pesticide exposure, this school follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. All pesticide products that are used in and around school buildings are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including sites, application rates, reentry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label. To be notified about pesticide applications, please complete the form below and mail to Michael Deming, 705 Mill St., Zumbrota, MN 55992. If you have other questions regarding notification, please contact Michael Deming at 507-732-7395 or 507-732-1400. Any other questions you may have regarding the district’s pest management practices may be directed to Michael Deming at the ZM School.

**Pesticides:** All Minnesota schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide applications on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents, or other pests as defined by law (MS 123B.575, Subd. 9). In order to provide the required information, schools must maintain a list of parents/guardians and school employees who request notification. Schools must also provide information about individual pesticide applications upon request, including the name of the pesticide product, or the time and location of the planned application. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the school office.

**REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION—ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805**

Name of Parent/Guardian/School Employee: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Day Phone: ____________________ Evening Phone: ____________________ Email: ____________________

How would you prefer to be notified: (Check one) U.S. Mail ______ Email ____________________

**Indoor Air Quality:** The Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public School has developed an indoor air quality management plan for the district. The management plan addresses policies and procedures that will be used in the school to address indoor air quality issues. The Health and Safety Committee reviews the management plan and the Board of Education approves the plan for the 2020-21 school year. If you have questions concerning the indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA Tools for Schools checklists on the indoor air quality, please contact the District Indoor Air Quality Coordinator, Michael Deming, at 507-732-7395, or Michael Harvey, Superintendent of Schools, at 507-732-1400.

**Lead in Water Annual Notice:** Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every five years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information.
The ZM School District is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). For more information on our lead reduction and testing program or to review the testing results, contact Maintenance/Health & Safety Coordinator, Michael Deming, at 507-732-7395 x 1109.

Notice of Nondiscrimination: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the ZM School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

Our school district (#2805) shall annually attempt to identify and locate every qualified individual with disabilities residing in our jurisdiction who is not receiving a public education. If you have a child thought to have a disability and want more information, please contact the Section 504 contact persons: Primary/Middle/High Schools: Katie G. Kennedy 507-732-7395 or Elementary School: Pamla Langley 507-732-1420.

AHERA Annual Asbestos: There was asbestos removal in August 2019 at the Primary site gym in Zumbrota. The updated Asbestos Management Plan for ZM Public Schools can be found in the District Office or in Michael Deming’s office at the high school. The management plan can be reviewed, without cost or restriction, during the normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of $0.10 per page. Any questions concerning this notice, or an explanation of our asbestos management plan can be directed to Superintendent Michael Harvey at 507-732-1400 or Institute for Environmental Assessment, at 507-281-6665.