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## 716-AR-1. NOTIFICATION LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The Upper Darby School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM program focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, support, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM Coordinator who evaluates the pest problem and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will be used only when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas seventy-two (72) hours prior to application and for two (2) days following the application.

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent/guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-contained baits placed in areas not accessible to students; gel-type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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