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Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; and
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school or building, please complete the form below and either fax or mail it to David M. Pitcher, Director of Facilities and the School Pesticide Representative of TST BOCES. His FAX number is (607) 266-0029 and his mailing address is TST BOCES, 555 Warren Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Please feel free to contact David for further information on these requirements. He can be reached at (607) 257-1551 ext. 6001 or by e-mail at dpitcher@tstboces.org.

Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)		
School Building:		
Name:	Address:	
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-Mail Address:

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- Written notification must be provided to all persons in parental relation and staff at the following intervals throughout the school year: at the beginning of the school year; within two school days of the end of winter recess; within two school days of the end of spring recess; within two days of the end of summer school and within ten days of the end of the school year.

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