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UNLABELED CHEMICAL CONTAINERS AND INSECTICIDES

In response to recent safety inspection questions from our schools, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the District's procedures for the removal of unlabeled chemicals and the prohibited use of insecticides.

1. Unlabeled chemicals or containers:

Any unlabeled chemical or container must be properly discarded. If liquids remain in an unlabeled chemical container, please complete the "Chemical Removal" form that can be found in the District's "Emergency Preparedness" manual or on the Safety Department's web site at www.broward.k12.fl.us/safetydept. Upon completion of the form, please be certain to make a copy for your location and follow the processing directions for the removal of the unlabeled chemical/container.

2. Insecticides:

It has been several years since the use of insecticides by on-site school staff in and/or around the school has been prohibited. Insecticides need to be handled, mixed, applied, and stored by licensed professionals. The District has a professional on staff, in addition to professional outside vendors who can properly treat school sites for any pests and insects. The outside vendors visit our schools twice monthly. Both visits involve spraying the kitchen areas and one visit will also involve spraying the school. On-site service personnel should maintain a form identifying pest problems which should be made available to an outside vendor when visiting the school location.

The only chemicals available for utilization by school staff are as follows:

- Ant Bait
- Roach Bait
- Wasp & Hornet Spray (with size of nest limitations)

The above chemicals are listed in the Custodial Training Manual and should only be utilized in accordance with the directions on the container.

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Any immediate problems should be reported directly to Mr. William Swartz at 754-321-4342 or by requesting a work order through COMPASS at 754-321-1482.

Any insecticides still stored at a school site need to be removed following the procedures identified for unlabeled containers. Please be certain to closely adhere to all procedures for unlabeled chemicals and/or insecticides in order to ensure a healthy and safe environment for our staff and students.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact the Environmental Health & Safety Department at 754-321-4200.