

Pesticide Notice

General Notice for Parents or Guardians of the Stephen/Argyle Central School District September 2007

Dear Parent or Guardian the Stephen/Argyle Central School District:

A Minnesota State law went into effect in year 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticides applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office.

State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide application made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the form below and mail it to: Chris Mills, Stephen/Argyle Central Superintendent, P.O. Box 68, Stephen, MN. If you have any questions regarding the notice, please contact Chris Mills at 437-6616 (Argyle) or 478-2404 (Stephen).

Request For Pesticide Notification Stephen/Argyle Central School District

I understand that the school will make available an estimated schedule of pesticide applications for review and copying at me school office. Should a pesticide application be scheduled on a day different from the day(s) specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. I understand that the school may ask me for reimbursement for the cost of notification.

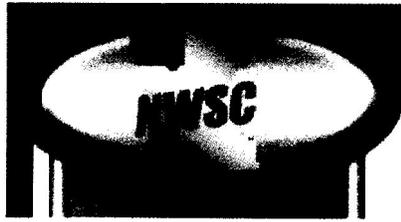
I would prefer to be notified by (circle): US Mail E-mail
Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date:

Address:

Day Phone: () ___ Evening Phone () E-mail

Return to: Chris Mills, Stephen/Argyle Central Superintendent,
P.O. Box 68, Stephen, MN



2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR NOTIFICATION

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Stephen/Argyle Central Schools has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the Stephen-Argyle Central Schools were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for the safe and responsible handling of asbestos within its buildings.

This past year Stephen-Argyle Central Schools conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

*Implemented our Operations and Maintenance Program

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. MacNeil Environmental, Inc. will accomplish this under contract. Areas where management issues are noted during inspections and surveillances have been, and will continue to be, dealt with promptly.

Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Stephen-Argyle Central Schools has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Marc Dulong, MacNeil Environmental, Inc., Burnsville, Minnesota, at 800/232-5209, Extension 266 or by contacting the Stephen-Argyle Central Schools at 218-478-3315.