The use of pesticides on school properties has continued to gain attention from a variety of groups, agencies and individuals. At Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, we want you to know we do not take any pesticide application lightly. It is our policy to practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to protect our students and property from unwanted pests. As you know, pests carry and spread disease, contaminate food, bite or sting, and cause property damage. Keeping vermin out of our buildings is important to help ensure the safety of our students and the protection of our property. The practice of IPM helps us to balance our objectives of keeping pests a safe distance away while limiting the use of pesticides.

The New York State Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law requires we notify you that pesticides may be used periodically throughout the school year. It is our intent to use only pesticides from the exempt list for any application. However, should we find it necessary to use other pesticides, the law also requires we maintain a list of any parent (guardian) or staff member who wishes to receive forty-eight hours advanced notice when a non-exempt pesticide is intended to be used. If you wish to have your name added to the forty-eight hour advance notification list, simply complete the box below and return to OCM BOCES Facilities, Maintenance and Operations Building, Henry Campus, P.O. Box 4754, Syracuse, NY, 13221. Your name will then be maintained on the list for this school year. If you desire to be on the list during the next school year, you will need to resubmit your request. If you have any questions or need further information about the use of pesticides at this school contact: John Wisniewski, Director of Facilities, (315) 433-2644.

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE ON THE FORTY-EIGHT HOUR ADVANCED NOTICE LIST.

I certify I am a staff member or parent/guardian of a student at OCM BOCES. Please add my name to the forty-eight hour advanced notification mailing list for the use of non-exempt pesticides, when required by law.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: _______________

Print Name: ___________________________ Phone: __________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________

School/Campus Child Attends or Work Location: __________________________