Franklin Township Board of Education, Policy 3510: Operation and Maintenance of Plant states in part,

“Integrated Pest Management

In order to minimize exposure of students, faculty and staff to pesticides, the Board directs the development and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for each school in the district to control pests in accordance with law.

Such procedures shall include determination of when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods in order to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Each school shall consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary, in collaboration with building principals shall be responsible for the development of a site-specific IPM plan for each school.

The Superintendent shall designate an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation of the School Integrated Pest Management policy.

Education/Training

The IPM Coordinator, other school staff and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the School IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Information about this policy and the IPM Plan shall be made available to the school community.

Recordkeeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and the Board of Education.

Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The Superintendent is responsible for timely notification to students’ parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School IPM Act.

Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

Pesticide applicators

The IPM Coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow state regulations, including licensing
requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy.

**Evaluation**

Annually, the Superintendent will report to the Board of Education on the effectiveness of the IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop regulations/procedures for the implementation of this policy.

**Indoor Air Quality**

The Board of Education will ensure that the air quality for school employees in school buildings meets the standards established by the law. The Board designates the Director of Buildings and Grounds as the individual responsible to monitor compliance with state standards.”