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Response to Pre-notification of Pesticide Application in a Public School System

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Abstract

This paper reports on a survey of parents and staff responses to the pesticide pre-notification program implemented in a Maryland county school system. The majority of parents and staff were satisfied with the amount, type, and timing of information provided in the pilot program. Less than 1% of staff and just 2% of parents stayed home or kept children home from school. Less than 5% of respondents believed they or their children had exhibited symptoms of pesticide illness from the school pesticide applications, although less than a third of parents and only 14% of staff reported watching for symptoms.

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