

(Bed Bugs)
(Cimex lectularius)

(SCHOOL HEADING)
(SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We recently found a confirmed bed bug in one of the classrooms in your child's school. Bed bugs are a nuisance, but they are not known to cause or spread disease. They are usually active at night when they feed on blood. The bite is initially painless, but it may become swollen and itchy, much like a mosquito bite. If you have concerns for you or your child, you should call your healthcare provider.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as they may be found in many places, including hotels, airplanes, buses, hospitals, department stores and movie theaters. Finding a bed bug does not mean that our school building is infested. Building occupants often unknowingly bring bed bugs into the school. The School District always works to identify pests, provide thorough inspections of schools and have licensed pest control specialists treat rooms as appropriate.

If you have experienced bedbugs in your home, we strongly recommend seeking professional assistance from a qualified pest control company.

If your child has any bites, you should contact your health care provider.

Attached is a Parent Information Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions on Bed Bugs.

Further information on preventing bed bugs are available on the following website.

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) bed bug information website:
<http://www.epa.gov/bedbugs/>
- Center of Disease Control (CDC) bed bug information websites:
<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/bedbugs/faqs.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

Principal