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**RATIONALE:**

School District #64 (Gulf Islands) believes in maintaining and improving its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to minimize pest problems while providing a healthy environment for students, employees and other users of the facilities within its urban area which has a diverse high-density population.

**POLICY:**

All Administrators and other Board employees are required to support the "IPM" program policies, including taking the necessary actions to ensure harborage corrections through structural modifications of facilities and elimination of conditions that result in food and a water supply for pests or other conditions conducive for pest infestations. Pesticides will only be used when other preventative measures are not sufficient to reduce pests to manageable levels.

**DEFINITIONS:****1. Pests**

Pests are populations of living organisms (animals, plants, or microorganisms) that interfere with use of the school site for human purposes. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property, or the environment.

**2. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The decision-making process includes pest identification, monitoring of pest populations and measures. IPM programs take advantage of all pest management options possible including, but not limited to, the judicious use of pesticides.

**3. Pesticide**

The word pesticide is an umbrella term for all the sub-categories of materials used to suppress pests. These include Insecticides, Rodenticides, Fungicides and Herbicides.

**4. Pest Management**

Approved pest management plans will be developed for the site and will include any proposed pest management measures.

Pests will be managed to:

- Reduce any potential human health hazard or to protect against a significant threat to public safety.
  - Prevent loss of or damage to school structures or property.
  - Enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and others
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