



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 393

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find this letter as an update to our current response to the report and identification of bed bugs in the Wallace School District.

As previously reported to parents, we have identified the presence of bugs on students from the same family at Silver Hills Elementary School (SHES). Those students do not have siblings at Wallace Jr/Sr High School (WJSH). In addition, we had a second family, with children in both schools, self-report that they were dealing with bugs at home. At no time have we positively identified bugs at WJSH. There have been no further reports following the 2<sup>nd</sup> household previously communicated with parents via a letter from the superintendent dated January 8th.

On Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> EDEN Pest Technologies completed a two-part treatment at SHES and on the two impacted school buses. The entire school was treated with a product called Aprehend which is a natural fungus. In addition, specific classrooms were heat treated to address any potential eggs. Aprehend safety guidelines state that the building will be safe to occupy once it has time to dry. That process only takes a couple of hours so we will be opening the school to students and staff on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Following the treatment, the exterminators will inspect and monitor the building with baited collection traps to determine the effectiveness of their treatment.

Because there were no bugs identified at WJSH we will not be performing the same two-part treatment in that facility. However, the exterminators will inspect and monitor the facility in the same manner as SHES.

If after 90 days, there is no identification of bugs we will reduce our monitoring/inspection schedule to a quarterly basis. Cancellation of the monitoring process will be determined by input from our contracted exterminator.

The school and community will continue to work with families impacted by bed bugs. When impacted children return to school they will be screened by school staff. If bugs are identified they will be sent back home in the safest and quickest possible manner. Children from homes that have not been successfully treated will have their personal clothing items and backpacks stored in plastic containers and clean clothing will be provided.

If your home is struggling with a bed bug infestation, please contact the school so that we can help provide bed bug information and contacts for community support and exterminator options.

If you have any questions regarding the current situation or steps being taken to ensure that our facilities are bug free, please contact your child's school or the district office at 208-753-4515.

Sincerely,

Todd Howard  
Superintendent of Schools  
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