Notification of Pesticide:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relationships, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school that is not occupied by a continuous 72 hours after application;
- Antimicrobial Products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA-designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less, when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and Hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the Pesticide Notification form, which can be obtained from the Operations and Maintenance office at the Barton Avenue Armory, 100 Barton Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Finnerty, the Eastern Suffolk BOCES pesticide representative, at (631) 472-8776 for further information on these requirements.