

# PESTS IN YOUR SCHOOL?



I am a student. What can I do?



## SEEING ANY OF THESE?

- Cockroaches
- Ants
- Flies
- Mouse poop



## STUDENTS CAN HELP KEEP PESTS AWAY

- Use trash cans responsibly.
- Discard food remains, empty food wrappers and drink containers **INSIDE** trash cans.
- Report accidental spills and food debris.
- Clean up after yourselves and help others clean up!



- Only eat and drink in designated eating areas.
- Store lunches and snacks in sealable containers.
- Keep your classrooms tidy and well-organized.



## STUDENTS CAN HELP MANAGE PESTS

- Report pests or their signs, or pest-favorable conditions to teachers or custodial staff.
- Take care not to disturb pest monitoring traps placed by pest control.



- Keep coats and backpacks in designated areas.
- Empty clothing and food items from lockers every Friday.
- Collect lost items from Lost and Found promptly, especially if you may have left food in your pockets!

## IPM IS THE SOLUTION!

- What is IPM?
- **IPM** or Integrated Pest Management is a sensible, effective and environment-friendly way to solve pest problems.
- IPM is a **proactive** approach in which pests are managed by limiting food and water and the ways pests enter buildings. This reduces risks associated with pest and pesticide exposure.



## IPM IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Avoid littering.
- Do not feed pigeons or animals on the school campus.
- Do not bring pesticides to school (but insect repellents to deter mosquitoes and ticks may be allowed).
- If you are allergic to wasp, ant or bee stings, notify your teachers and school nurse.

## BENEFITS OF IPM

- Proactive. Prevention is better than cure!
- Reductions in pests and pesticide exposures.
- Improvements in indoor air quality can improve student health and academic achievement.



# IPM IS THE BEST WAY TO MANAGE PESTS IN SCHOOLS.