

## RESOLUTION TO APPLY PESTICIDES DURING STUDENT NON-USE PERIODS

This resolution is to request Authorization of an emergency pesticide application at designated areas across the Lewiston-Porter Central School District Campus

Be it resolved, that all emergency treatment of school facilities will occur in targeted areas of the district. Applications will only occur during no school activity times, further, application to sports fields will only occur during non-sport season periods of time. At no time will pesticides be used on active playfields or playgrounds.

**Background information** -New York State enacted Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010. This new law contained limitations regarding pesticide use on playing fields and playgrounds at schools and day care centers. Specifically, schools and day care centers are prohibited from using pesticides unless it is deemed to be an emergency situation at which time an exception may be granted to the school district by the appropriate entity. The New York State Education Department has identified school Boards of Education as the appropriate entity to make this emergency determination for public school districts. Each determination is applicable to a single application.

**Pertinent data:** on July 23, 2018 review of the condition of the District fields and ground occurred. The purpose of the review was to determine the safety of condition of the fields and grounds. Upon close inspection of the grounds and specifically soccer and baseball fields , it was determined that there were several different types of growths that present long term safety issues as they create uneven surfaces for athletes contributing to sprains, tears and pulls. Specifically we have an infestation of *Digitaria sanguinalis*, *Stellaria media*, *Taraxacum*, and *Cirsium*. In addition to the athletic concerns there are health concerns that these infestations attract stinging insects including bees and wasps. A review of our grounds also revealed poison ivy and poison oak in several areas. Further, we have had several reports of ticks found in some of the outfield areas and track event areas, as well as the cross country track area, which will require one or two pesticide treatments. The treatment period for these types of infestations is spring and summer. It is therefore requested that the Board of Education make an emergency determination allowing treatment of Herbicides and or pesticides to the soccer fields and baseball areas as well as other designated areas in need of treatment. The pesticide/herbicide will be sprayed on by a certified applicator and all required notifications will be completed as is necessary under the applicable law. After application, it is recommended that students be kept off of the field for a minimum of two days. The District will follow this procedure.