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School System: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone: () _____

Please check the appropriate answer. If pest control services are contracted, please consult the contractor if answers to questions are unknown to you.

1. Does your school system have an official policy statement concerning Pest Management?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know _____

2. How does your school system perform pest control?

	In-House	Contract	Both
Indoor	_____	_____	_____
Outdoor	_____	_____	_____

- If contract, please give us the name of the Pest Control Company(ies) that service the schools in your system.

3. Does your school system currently use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to control pests? IPM emphasizes regular inspecting of pests (not regular spraying of pesticides) in order to detect them at low population levels. Basic pest survival elements are removed and pest access into a structure denied. Pesticides, if needed, are used in a manner to minimize the risk of exposure to the occupants. (See cover letter for further explanation of IPM).

Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know _____

- If no, has your system considered implementing an IPM Program?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Does your school system do routine scheduled spraying of pesticides?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know _____

5. Who makes the decision when and where pesticides will be applied? (Check all that apply)

- Principal
- IPM Coordinator
- Designated Teacher
- Maintenance/Custodian
- Pest Control Supervisor
- Pest Control Technician
- Other (specify) _____

6. What materials and methods are used for pest management? (Check all that apply)

- Spray or spot-spray classrooms
- Vacuum pests
- Crack and crevice treatments
- Use rodenticides indoors
- Dust or bait
- Use rodenticides outdoors
- Foggers or thermal fog
- Capture devices

7. What is the frequency of pesticide application for the following areas?

Area	As needed	monthly	quarterly	semi-annually	annually	other (list)
Food service	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Classrooms	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Admin.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Offices	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other (specify)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is the frequency of application about the same for all the schools in the district? Yes _____ No _____

8. Who applies pesticides in your school system? Place a check beside those who apply pesticides routinely, for complaints, or in emergencies. Also check if they are State Certified Applicators and if they are working under the direct supervision of a licensed operator.

	Appli- cators	State cert. pesticide applicator	State licensed operator
Teachers	_____	_____	_____
Vo-Ag Teachers	_____	_____	_____
Custodians	_____	_____	_____
Maintenance	_____	_____	_____
In-House Pest Control Technicians	_____	_____	_____
Contracted Pest Control Tech.	_____	_____	_____
School Volunteers	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
(specify)	_____	_____	_____

9. Estimate the percentages of the following methods of pesticide treatments used in your pest control program.

	Not Used	All the the time	Some of the time	Most of the time
Surface sprays	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crack/crevice	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dusts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Baits	_____	_____	_____	_____
Granules	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aerosols/fogging	_____	_____	_____	_____

10. Rank the following 10 pests from the most (1) to the least (10) important in your school district.

	Rank 1-10
Cockroaches	_____
Ants/Fire Ants	_____
Rodents	_____
Spiders	_____
Wasps	_____
Head Lice	_____
Snakes	_____
Landscape Insects & Diseases	_____
Weeds	_____
Other	_____

11. How are most pesticides stored in your school district?

- District-wide designated storage facility
- School-site designated storage
- District-wide warehouse (stored with other items)
- Pest Control Contractor stores pesticides
- Other (please specify)

12. Where do you obtain information on Pest Management?

- Agricultural Extension Service
- Pest Control Contractor
- Vendors/Manufacturers
- Other (please specify)

13. How much did your school system spend on pest control this past year?

\$ _____

14. Are you satisfied with the pest control provided this past year?

- Not satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Satisfied

15. Are you concerned about pesticide exposure to school occupants?

- Yes
- No

16. Do you want additional information on IPM?

- Yes
- No

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