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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary/Treasurers of
School Authorities
Director, Provincial Schools Branch
Supervisory Officer, Centre Jules-Léger

FROM: Nancy Whynot
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Ministry of Education

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Ministry of Environment

DATE: March 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticides Ban

We are writing to inform you that Ontario's cosmetic pesticides ban will take effect on Earth Day, April 22, 2009. This initiative is an important step in reducing Ontarians' exposure to toxic chemicals in our air, water, land and consumer products.

The ban prohibits the sale and use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on lawns, gardens, parks and school yards. Please note the rules are not changing with respect to pesticides used to control pests in school buildings.

You will still be able to buy and use certain types of pesticides to protect your students' health or safety in the school yard and these are outlined in the attached fact sheet.

We ask that you read the attached background information regarding the use of pesticides. There is additional information on the Ministry of the Environment's pesticide website www.ontario.ca/pesticideban. On it you will find a news release, backgrounder, the regulation, pesticide classification guideline and the listing of the classified pesticides.

If you have any questions about the ban, its requirements and the exceptions, please contact your local Ministry of the Environment district or regional office. A list of locations is on the above website.

Thank you in advance for complying with the cosmetic pesticides ban.



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Attachment

CC: Senior Plant Officials
Kit Rankin, Director, Field Services Branch
EDU Regional Managers