



## CITY OF MANCHESTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please accept this correspondence as an informational notice regarding bed bugs. In general schools are not conducive to bed bug infestations. Bed bugs prefer an environment where they can hide during the day and come out at night to feed on a sleeping host. Because most schools do not provide this type of environment, major infestations of schools are rare. However, bed bugs hiding in clothing or backpacks can hitchhike to and from schools potentially providing a hub for bed bug spread.

Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, whenever a bed bug is detected the District will conduct an inspection and, if needed, will implement an integrated pest management plan in the area where the bed bug is found.

Bed bugs are a nuisance, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Parents are advised to watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body. If you have medical concerns for you or your child, please contact your doctor. The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including hotels, planes, and movie theaters.

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your school, please contact the Principal at your child's school. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, contact the Manchester Health Department at 624-6466.

Respectfully,

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