


**INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TO:** Julie Korenstein, Chairperson  
Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte, Member  
School Safety, Student Health and Human Services and Human Relations  
Committee

Date: April 30, 2008

**FROM:** Neil Gamble, Director   
Maintenance & Operations

**SUBJECT: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TEAM APPOINTMENTS**

It is recommended that the School Safety, Student Health and Human Services and Human Relations Committee approve the appointment of several members to the District's Pest Management (IPM) Team at the Committee's next meeting.

Under the revised IPM Program approved by the Board of Education in March 1999, a Pest Management Team was established to provide guidance and verification regarding procedures and program implementation, approve pesticide/herbicide products, and recommend resolution for any District policies that might conflict with the IPM policy. The 15-member Team is comprised of representatives from various District departments, as well as one IPM expert, two parents of District-enrolled students, two community members, one public health representative, one District teacher, one District principal, one medical practitioner, and two environmental representatives.

Under the IPM policy, the Team members are randomly divided into two groups of seven and eight, each serving two-year terms. The eight seats of the second group expire at the end of the current two-year term on June 30, 2008, while the two-year terms of the first group next expire in June, 2009. Nominations are to be submitted to the Team by members of the represented constituencies and are to be screened by the Team. The Team's recommendations are then submitted to the School Safety, Student Health and Human Services and Human Relations Committee for approval at a public meeting. The Team has approved submission of the recommended reappointment of the eight members on the attached list for two-year terms ending in June 2010.

I will be pleased to provide any additional information that you may require.

Attachment

c: Members, Board of Education  
Mr. Brewer  
Mr. Mehula  
Mr. Kendall

Ms. Medina  
Mr. Thornton  
Mr. Crain  
Ms. Kim

PEST MANAGEMENT TEAM  
NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO TWO-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2010

- Dr. Kathy Lippman, Medical Practitioner

Maintains a private medical practice. Previously served an internship in pediatrics at the L. A. Co./USC School of Medicine, a residency in psychiatry at the Brentwood V. A. Hospital, and a fellowship in Child psychiatry at UCLA. Holds certifications from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Board of Child Psychiatry. Initially appointed to complete a two-year term on the IPM Team in January 2003.

- Jeff Siegel, Office of Environmental Health & Safety Representative

Serves as an Assistant Industrial Hygienist on OEHS's staff. Appointed in November 2004 to complete the two-year term as OEHS's representative.

- Robina Suwol, Parent Representative

Parent of two District students; has served on the Team since its inception in 1999. She also serves as Executive Director of CALIFORNIA SAFE Schools.

- Gloria Simosky, Teacher Representative

Employed as a fourth grade teacher at Florence Avenue Elementary School where she serves as the UTLA Chapter Chair. She has over 17 years of teaching experience. Has served on the Team since January 2003.

- Karl Bruskotter, Community Member

Was appointed to a vacancy on the IPM Team on April 27, 2006. Employed as an Environmental Program Analyst for the City of Santa Monica where he manages an IPM program.

- Terry Robinson, Non-management Representative

Serves as a Senior Pest Management Technician in the District's Pest Management Unit. Was appointed to the Team in June 2002.

- Mitzi Shpak, Environmental Representative

Serves as a cancer researcher at the Institute of Genetic Medicine, USC School of Medicine and was a founding member of Action Now. Her experience includes scientific research at the City of Hope, Beckman Research Institute, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Caltech on the Human Genome Project. Has served on the IPM Team since its inception in 1999.

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- William Currie, Independent IPM Expert Representative

Has served on the Team since its inception in 1999. Also provides IPM services on a national basis through the International Pest Management Institute.