

The Otselic Valley Central School District practices Integrated Pest Management (I P M) in its control of all pests. We use D E C Certified Pesticide Applicators to apply any bait or other chemical pest control products (ant bait, bee, and wasp sprays) that may be needed, and only after careful monitoring, exclusion, and sanitation practices are first employed.

We control weeds through aggressive overseeding, aeration, and topdressing. The herbicides will be used sparingly and only on nontraffic areas such as mulched flower beds, fence line poison ivy, and the perimeter of paved areas as needed.

In accordance with the N Y S S E D “Neighbor Notification” law, we will be contacting all students, parents, and staff through our newsletters and other timely information distribution platforms to give you the opportunity to be notified directly at least 48 hours in advance of any regulated pesticide applications.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the use of pesticides in our schools or on the grounds, please feel free to call Ms. Deanna Shoemaker at 315-653-7218.