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### Notice to Parent re. Bed Bugs Found in School

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you that there have been six instances of bed bugs found on District facilities. The District is committed to maintaining a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all students and staff. The District is taking and has actively taken steps to address the situation in full compliance with local health department guidelines and environmental health protocols after each instance. Upon receiving each report, District officials immediately initiated a bed bug action plan. A licensed, professional pest management service was called in to inspect the area thoroughly. In accordance with guidelines, the District is focusing on targeted, non-chemical and chemical measures to eliminate the presence of bed bugs at school.

The District first detected bed bugs the week after Spring Break (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) at the High School in an isolated classroom room. The room was cleaned, treated by a licensed pest management company and set traps. Bed Bugs were detected the week after that in an isolated theatre dressing room. The District cleared all costumes and cleaned and treated the room and set traps. A third instance was detected 4 weeks later in an isolated classroom. Again, the room was cleaned thoroughly, and pest management treated and set traps. As noted above, a fourth instance was detected this week in an Elementary Classroom. The District bagged all soft goods and sent them home to parents to be cleaned. The District thoroughly cleaned the class room, and called pest management to treat and set traps through the entire Elementary building.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, the District will continue to inspect school facilities and, if needed, will implement an integrated pest management plan in the area where the bed bug was found. We will continue to work vigilantly to identify bed bugs, provide thorough inspections of schools, and have licensed pest control specialists assist with pest management. To further reduce the risk of bugs being brought in from multiple sources outside of school, the District has arranged to have a heat trailer present on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This trailer will raise the temperature inside to a high heat setting that will destroy and bed bug. Students will be required place their backpacks, computer bags and any personal items they wish in the trailer to be treated for bed bugs. The heat trailer will be located at between the elementary and junior high schools on 5<sup>th</sup> street. You will recognize it as the Bronco Band trailer.

The health and safety of our school community is our top priority. While bed bugs are not associated with disease transmission, we understand they are a nuisance and cause discomfort. We are following strict protocols provided by health department.



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### Steps Taken by the District:

- **Inspection:** A licensed pest professional has inspected the affected and surrounding areas.
- **Cleaning & Sanitation:** Custodial staff are conducting intensive cleaning of the area, focusing on decluttering to minimize hiding places and actively looking for bed bugs.
- **Targeted Treatment:** Any necessary treatments will be applied safely by licensed professionals when students and staff are not present.
- **Parent Communication:** When notified, the campus principal will directly notify parents and staff of the affected classroom.

### Information for Parents and Staff

Bed bugs do not live on a person. They are “hitchhikers” that can be transported on clothing, backpacks, or other personal items. As a precaution, the District advises families to:

- Inspect student belongings (backpacks, jackets) periodically and frequently.
- If you suspect an issue at home, wash and dry school items on high heat for at least 30 minutes.
- Contact the school nurse if you have questions about your child.

The District will continue to work closely with a licensed pest management company and applicable health authorities to monitor the situation and we will take further corrective action as needed. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your school, please contact your building Principal.

Thank you for your continued support of Clarendon ISD.

Larry Jeffers, Interim Superintendent