


SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Susan Swartz, Superintendent
FROM: Andrew Giaquinto, School Business Manager 
DATE: April 4, 2025
RE: Pesticide Application – Athletic Fields

The landscaping firm that provides our athletic field maintenance services has recommended to Buildings and Grounds staff that it would be prudent for all the Middle School and High School athletic fields to be treated with broadleaf weed controls to ensure the safety of the fields throughout the spring sports season. Last year, we applied this pesticide to the field hockey field at the High School after it was rendered unusable for a season. This application to all the fields will ensure the integrity of our sod and prevent the fields from becoming unusable. In addition, the weeds targeted by this application create a slippery surface and reduce traction. Insect damage can disrupt the playing surface and grubs can destroy roots which can lead to injuries because of loose footing.

With the spring season underway, this is the ideal time of year to apply these controls to ensure the best results and keep the field in good condition for the spring sports season. I respectfully request that you bring the attached resolution to the Board of Education at the April 7 meeting. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

AG/cc

Attachment

Scotia-Glenville School District
Scotia, New York

RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY APPLICATION OF AN
APPROPRIATE PESTICIDE
APRIL 7, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District ("District") hereby determines that the condition of the District's High School and Middle School fields (approximately 17 acres) poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the students using the athletic fields and surrounding grounds for athletic events and other school purposes, causing the risk of significant injury until the imminent threat to the health and safety of the students is eliminated;

The condition of the District's High School and Middle School fields poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the students who use the athletic fields and surrounding grounds, and constitutes an emergency as contemplated by Education Law Section 409-k;

The Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for the District is hereby authorized to coordinate the emergency application of an appropriate pesticide or pesticides as defined by Environmental Conservation Law Section 33-0101, to the extent necessary to abate the current unusable condition of the athletic field and surrounding grounds and return them to a safe condition for use by students;

The Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, as School Pesticide Representative, working with its contractor, Greener World Landscape Maintenance, L.L.C., is hereby directed to provide such notification of the emergency application of pesticide undertaken pursuant to this authorization as is required by 8 NYCRR Section 155.24 and Education Law Section 409-h;

This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be in effect for a period of one year.

4/7/25