

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Letter of Support  
Baltimore City Council Ordinance 20-0495  
Pesticide Control and Regulation**

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As drafted, Council Ordinance 20-0495 proposes to regulate the use and application of pesticides in the City of Baltimore, define certain terms, require certain notices at the time of pesticide purchase, require certain notices prior to and after pesticide application, require marker placement after certain pesticide applications, prohibit the use of certain pesticides in specified areas, prohibit the use and application of glyphosate and chlorpyrifos, prohibit neonicotinoid pesticide use on City-owned property, establish certain penalties, and provide for a special effective date.

After careful review, Baltimore City Public Schools is pleased to express support for Council Ordinance 20-0495. The proposal supports the health and safety of our students and staff by prohibiting the use of harmful pesticides in and around school grounds, and by regulating the use of pesticides before and after application. It will also ensure that City Schools be provided notice prior to the application of pesticides.

Public notification and identification before and after pesticide application is a welcome piece of legislation which ultimately seeks to protect the public from illness. For these reasons, City Schools respectfully urges a favorable report of Council Ordinance 20-0495.

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