



# PARENT COMMUNICATION – BED BUGS

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This notice is to inform you about a widespread community concern: Bed Bugs! Bed bugs are a nuisance, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body. If you have concerns for you or your child, please contact your doctor.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including hotels, planes, and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to be spread in schools, Pickens County School District will conduct periodic inspections and, if needed, will treat any areas where bed bugs are found.

If you are currently dealing with bed bugs in your home, your physician or school nurse may be able to provide guidance on proper care and treatment of bed bug bites. You can find additional information from the Georgia Department of Public Health posted on the Pickens County School District website at [www.pickenscountyschools.org](http://www.pickenscountyschools.org).

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

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If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in schools, please contact:

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If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, contact:

Pickens County Environmental Health Department | (706) 253-0900