

## Appendix "A"

### Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Report

#### October 2023 to October 2024

Preventing pests through the design, construction of facilities and landscapes is an essential component of IPM and developing cost-effective maintenance regimes. Pests can easily take up residence in areas that are not landscaped appropriately or areas with inappropriate plant growth and materials.

We continue to work towards improving the efficiency and sustainability of the IPM program by using good sound physical and cultural practices.

The IPM approach is based on using proactive, preventative and cultural strategies and relies less on reactive measures for pest control. Cultural practices are referred to as sound plant health care practices; they focus on prevention of the pest by maintaining a healthy host through proper planting, mowing, pruning, and mulching. Cultural practices also focus on reducing pest establishment, reproduction, dispersal, and survival.

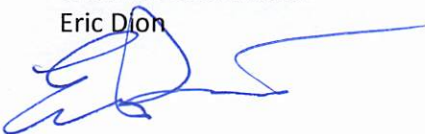
October 2023 to October 2024 the following occurred:

- All schools/sites were inspected on a regular basis for any pest issues;
- Irrigation systems were set on timers to ensure proper irrigation coverage;
- Two grass crews ensured the fields were mowed on a scheduled basis;
- All middle and secondary schools/sites were fertilized twice;
- Shrub beds were addressed to reduce weeds where possible;
- Any tree that was identified as a hazard was pruned or removed;
- Autumn leaves were mulched on site in the fall and then were spread on the turf and on the shrub beds.

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