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Niles-Park Ridge School District 64 Board of Directors
164 South Prospect Avenue
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Dear Dr Borrelli,

Please find enclosed a packet of information regarding Go Green Park Ridge's attempts to move the Niles-Park Ridge School District 64 to adoption and implementation of a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management and Natural Lawn Care policy. Unfortunately, we believe that poor or incomplete communication has impeded progress on this important issue. We wish to tackle this roadblock by providing each District 64 School Board member with this complete summary of the process so far including long and short-term goals and supporting documents.

By summarizing the process, we hope to move past whatever miscommunications have taken place, and begin the process of creating the policies the District and the communities it serves deserve. The first document, titled "***Summary Response and Review: Niles-Park Ridge School District 64 Progress towards IPM and Natural Lawn Care Practices,***" outlines the process to date. The other documents included are:

- District 64/Go Green Park Ridge Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2016
- Recommendations for Lawn Care/IPM Policy Development, February 29, 2016 (developed by Midwest Pesticide Action Center)
- Follow up letter to the District 64 School Board from Go Green Park Ridge, December 21, 2016
- Response emails to Go Green Park Ridge including one from Dr. Borrelli, District 64 Board President, January 2, 2017 as well as one indicating that district does observe five applications per growing season.

Through this process we have requested the following cost-effective actions for the District to take on their Lawn Care Management policy: (over)

1. Review of the current modified 2017 contract with TruGreen prior to its signing and adoption;
2. Draft a minimal qualifications list used to evaluate the current lawn care contract in order to assess its costs and benefits, including:
 - a. Banning the routine use of any lawn care products with the EPA Signal Words of “WARNING” or “DANGER”; and
 - b. Practicing lawn aeration, mowing high, and leaving the clippings on the lawn to further reduce the need for chemical inputs for a green and healthy;
3. Develop a method for analyzing the cost and/or benefit of any changes instituted including the current proposed “spot treatment” methodology;
4. Request bids for the 2017 lawn care contract based on steps 1-3 above to qualified lawn care contractors to enhance our ability to assess the cost and benefits of the services contracted;
5. A timeline for moving forward with adoption and implementation of a (Natural) Lawn Care policy.

We hope you will give this initiative your full attention. With spring around the corner, Go Green Park Ridge will contact the board for a response as soon as possible. The more we can move forward on meeting some of the short-term goals expressed here, the more prepared we will be when the grass starts to green.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Amy Bartucci (Founder Go Green Park Ridge)