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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB426

Dear Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for this bill.

I am a former elementary school teacher. In my ten years of working with elementary aged children I saw how much exposure they get from school yards. My students would touch plants, pick leaves absentmindedly, place them in their mouths, and do things most adults would not do. They roll on grass, touch everything, and put their hands into their mouths. (Even when adults teach kids not to do these things, they happen.)

It is so important school yards are free of hazardous pesticides to protect children. As you know, children are more vulnerable to these substances. If school are using toxic substances, like pesticides, they need to inform parents and students so they can protect children from exposure.

Please support this bill to help make schools safer for our young people.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Allen