

## Bracken County Board of Education

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Dear Parent:

The following information is very important. Today it was verified that a student enrolled at Bracken County Middle School has an infestation of bed bugs. Bed bugs are not believed to carry diseases; however, they do bite and suck blood from humans. In the act of feeding on human blood, they may inject their own saliva into the bite area, leading to a localized area of itching and swelling. Bed bugs are most active at night and bite exposed areas of the skin while an individual sleeps.

In order to protect your child the following actions have or will occur:

- Upon verification that we did have an individual infected, actions were taken to prevent any possible additional contamination by any potential carrier.
- The Bracken County Health Department was contacted.
- A complete treatment and follow up by a professional pest treatment service will occur.

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 2, 2007.** This day will be made-up on Feb. 15, 2008. Normal school schedule will resume November 7, 2007. This will allow professionals to guarantee that all areas of Bracken County Schools and buses have been treated properly. If a pesticide is applied students should not be in the areas being treated, thus with school out of session additional steps can be taken to guarantee the problem is properly addressed for your child's safety. At this time we have knowledge of one bug being found in one classroom, we are treating the entire district as a precautionary action.

Attachments

Sincerely,

Tony Johnson,  
Superintendent