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Best Wishes, Vinny!



We would like to extend our congratulations and sincere best wishes to Vinny Scignano, Director of Facilities at Skaneateles. Vinny will be retiring at the end of the month after 15 years with the district.

Vinny has served in leadership positions in both the Mid-State Chapter and the statewide NYS School Facilities Association. He deserves recognition for serving as a mentor to many new facilities directors.

Vinny's vast knowledge of facilities, grounds maintenance and construction will certainly be missed. Best wishes to Vinny for many happy and prosperous years in retirement.

School Safety Plan Review Due July 1st

§155.17 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations mandates that School Safety Plans are reviewed and updated by **July 1st each year**. These reviews should be performed by the School Safety Teams that were appointed in accordance with the S.A.V.E. (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education) legislation.

For additional information or assistance with Safety Plan reviews, consult your BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office.

SUMMER SCHOOL FIRE DRILLS



Section 807 of the Education Law mandates that summer schools must hold at least two fire drills, one of which must be held during the first week of the summer session.

Failure to comply with Section 807 is a misdemeanor punishable at the discretion of the court by a fine not to exceed \$50.

ANNUAL AHERA NOTIFICATIONS TO EMPLOYEES AND PARENTS

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires schools to "ensure that workers and building occupants, or their legal guardians, are informed at least once each school year about inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities, including periodic reinspection and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress 40 CFR §763.84(c). Such notification must be done in writing and a copy placed in the management plan. Suggested notification methods may be through the publication of an article in a school district newsletter or through a separate written notice distributed to staff and sent home to a student's parent or legal guardian.

Please contact the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office if you have any questions about annual notifications or other AHERA compliance issues.



POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK TRAINING AT THE BOCES REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

Buildings and Grounds personnel from area school districts took advantage of a Powered Industrial Truck Training program offered by the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES at the Regional Education Center on June 16, 2015.

A classroom presentation on forklift operation, safety, and maintenance checks was given by Cale Jirinec, Instructor from the BOCES Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation Program. After successfully completing a written exam, participants had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills on forklifts.



Completion of the program helps operators meet the training requirements for the OSHA Powered Industrial Truck Standard - 29 CFR 1910.178. Candidates who successfully completed the training and demonstrated competency in operating equipment received a certificate indicating that they meet those requirements.



Thank you to Cale Jirinec for providing this valuable information to our school districts.



Initial Pesticide Notification For Summer School

The initial written pesticide notification is due at the beginning of the school year (including summer school) for compliance with 8 NYCRR 155.24(b)(1). The notification must be provided to all staff and persons in parental relation.

If your district is offering summer school, a sample notification that meets the requirements for initial notification appears on the following page.

Sample initial notification to persons in parental relation and staff pursuant to Section 409-h of the State Education Law

Dear Parent, Guardian, and Summer School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The _____ School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- * a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- * anti-microbial products;
- * nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- * nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- * silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- * boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- * the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- * the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40 CFR152.25;
- * the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to (insert name) the _____ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX).

_____ School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification
(please print)

_____ School Building

Name: _____
Address: _____
Day Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Please feel free to contact (insert name) the _____ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX) for further information on these requirements.

Viking Recalls Gas Ranges Due to Burn Hazard



Consumers should stop using this product, which is being recalled voluntarily, unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Gas ranges

Hazard: The ranges' ovens can turn on by themselves, posing a burn hazard to consumers.

Units: About 52,000 in the U.S. and about 8,300 in Canada

Description: This recall involves Viking Range freestanding gas ranges sold in stainless steel, black, white and 21 different colors and finishes. The ranges were sold in various surface configurations: All burners or burners with griddle and/or grill. The ranges are about 36 inches tall to the top of the side trim, 30, 36, 48 or 60 inches wide and 24.5 inches deep to the end of the side panel. The model and serial numbers can be found on a label in one of three locations: On the bottom of the control panel above the door, on the front of the oven cavity below the control panel, or on the inside of the left side panel; which can be seen by removing the left front grate and burner bowl. Consumers should only search for the model and serial number when the range is not hot. Model and serial numbers beginning with the following are included in this recall:



The model and serial numbers can be found on a label in one of three locations.

Model Numbers	Serial Numbers
VGIC306, VGIC308, VGIC366, VGIC368, VGIC486, VGIC488, VGIC530, VGIC536	All Serial Numbers
VGCC530	040108 through 010313
VGCC536	110108 through 010913
VGCC548	020109 through 010913
VGCC560	050111 through 010313
VGSC530	063008 through 063014
VGSC536	113008 through 063014
VGSC548	030109 through 063014

Incidents/Injuries: Viking Range has received 75 reports of gas ranges turning on by themselves, including three reports of burns and four reports of property damage claims, with one claim resulting in a payment of \$850.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Viking Range to schedule a free in-home repair. While waiting for a free repair, consumers can contact Viking Range for steps to avoid a burn injury.

Sold at: ABT, Ferguson, Morrison, Pacific Sales, PC Richard & Son and other stores nationwide from July 2007 through June 2014 for between \$4,000 and \$13,000

Manufacturer: Viking Range LLC, of Greenwood, Miss.

Consumer Contact: Viking Range toll-free at (877) 929-2581, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or www.vikingrange.com and click on Safety Recall Information at the bottom right of the homepage for more information.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, age, marital status, partnership status, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, gender (sex), military status, veteran status, domestic violence victim status or political affiliation, and additionally does not discriminate against students on the basis of weight, gender identity, gender expression, and religious practices or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in employment or its programs and activities. The BOCES provides equal access to community and youth organizations.

Inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies should be directed to:

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July
Health
Observances

June 1 - July 4, 2015
Fireworks Safety Month
National Council on Fireworks Safety
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July 28, 2015
World Hepatitis Day
World Hepatitis Alliance
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