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NOTICE

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (VIRTUAL)
&
AGENDA**

July 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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NOTE: Not all the topics listed in this notice may actually be reached for discussion. In addition, the topics listed are those which the Chair reasonably expects will be discussed as of the date of this notice.

To: Board of Health Members

From: Sharon D. Hart, Director of Public Health

Re: A Board of Health Meeting (Virtual) will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

1: Chair to Call the Meeting to Order

2: Acceptance of the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting.

- 3: Announcements and Open Forum (10 Minutes) – NOTE: Persons wishing to submit written comments/questions regarding items which are not a subject of a public hearing are encouraged to use the following Google form:**

<https://forms.gle/vmZ9oUbaqbrUVY389>

4: New Business:

- (a): COVID-19 Update
 - COVID-19 Report (Sharon)
- (b) Grant – PHE Grant Update
- (c): H.926 – “An Act Relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren” – Board of Health Support Letter
- (d): Update: South Hadley High School Mold Remediation (Christine)
- (e): Update - South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)
Cannabis Cafes & Home Delivery

5: Set Next Meeting Date – (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. Virtual using Zoom

6: Adjourn Meeting

*** Please note: Meetings are recorded***

Support for H.926, “An Act Relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren”

Many Massachusetts schools and child care centers permit the use of an arsenal of toxic pesticides on outdoor grounds, including glyphosate and 2,4-D, potentially endangering children’s health.

Under this proposed law, only pesticides considered minimum risk by the U.S. EPA and those permitted for organic use will be allowed near schools and child care centers in Massachusetts, except in the case of a health emergency when school officials could apply for a waiver. In 2010 NY passed a similar law as did CT in 2015.

Current Endorsements (updated July 5, 2022)

Medical/Academic Organizations and Professionals

Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP)

860 Winter Street
Waltham, MA 02451

Massachusetts Medical Society

860 Winter Street
Waltham Woods Corporate Center
Waltham, MA 02451-1411

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Pediatric Epidemiology
Departments of Epidemiology and Environmental Health
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Director, Scientific Early Life Environmental Health & Development
(SEED) Program

Philip J. Landrigan, M.D., Program Director
Boston College Global Observatory on Pollution and Health

Elizabeth Pinsky, M.D.
Mass General Center for the Environment and Health

Municipal Organizations

Amherst Board of Health
Brookline School Committee
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge School Committee
Great Barrington Agricultural Commission
Medford School Committee
Northampton Board of Health
Northampton School Committee
Plainfield Agricultural Commission

Somerville School Committee
Wellesley Natural Resources Commission
Wendell Agricultural Committees
Winthrop Board of Health

Letter to Speaker Mariano: Advance the Schoolchildren Pesticide Bill

Over 100 advocacy, medical, municipal organizations and elected officials have endorsed H.926, An Act relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren. (see full list here <https://bit.ly/3NKMrjG>)

With only 3 weeks to go before the session ends (July 31, 2022), we need your help to ask Speaker Mariano to move the bill to the floor for a vote. It has been sitting in "Orders of the Day" since May and we just need one final push in the House.

By Friday, July 8 - Please use this form to add your name/organization/logo to this letter to Speaker Mariano. The finished letter will be sent on Monday, July 11, 2022.

H.926 recently gained the high-profile endorsements of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) and the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS). Please help us bring this to the attention of Speaker Mariano.

In addition to signing the below-linked letter, you can help increase attention to the bill by individually contacting any state representatives you have a relationship with. You can use language from the sign-on letter to inform them of the recent endorsements and ask them to encourage house leadership to move the bill to the floor before the end of the session.

SEE THE FULL SIGN-ON LETTER AND CURRENT SIGNATORIES, HERE
<https://bit.ly/3NKMrjG>

July 11, 2022
The Honorable Ronald Mariano
Speaker of the House
State House, Room 356
Boston, MA 02133

Re: H.926, An Act relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren
Dear Speaker Mariano,

We, the undersigned organizations and medical professionals, respectfully request the following bill be brought to the floor for a vote before the end of the session: H.926, An Act relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren. H.926 received a favorable report from ENRA and currently sits in Orders of the Day.

While we are grateful that the House recently passed H.4931, "An Act Relative to Pesticides," a bill which would enable the Commonwealth to better track pesticide use, we need action to reduce pesticide exposure, starting with the most vulnerable in our communities. H.926 would result in immediate reduction of toxic exposure among schoolchildren, requiring that pesticides be proven safe before being used on playgrounds and fields where children learn and play.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has called for governments to reduce children's exposure to pesticides, writing that "epidemiological evidence demonstrates associations between early life exposure to pesticides and pediatric cancers, decreased cognitive function, and behavioral problems."

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July 13, 2022

9-11 am via zoom

CANNABIS CAFES & HOME DELIVERY

For
WMASS
municipal leaders
health departments
businesses
coalitions
residents

state laws and the power of local regulations

AAG Margaret Hurley and MA Municipal Association representatives Dave Koffman and Ali DiMatteo will provide an up-to-the-hour legislative update and discuss various town bylaws addressing cannabis social cafes and home delivery. Interactive presentation and discussion about:

- Role of Attorney's General and MMA
- New and emerging state cannabis laws
- Local bylaws regarding adult use marijuana
- Public Health considerations
- Lots of time for Q & A

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