

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:Kati Elliott | KEH Communications | 410-975-9638 | kati@kehcomm.comRachael Ballard | KEH Communications | 410-975-9638 | rachael@kehcomm.com**New Online Training Course from PublicSchoolWORKS Approved by California Department of Pesticide Regulation***Districts in California can now take PublicSchoolWORKS' new training course to meet requirements mandated by the California Healthy Schools Act*

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Cincinnati, OH (October 6, 2016) — Public school districts and childcare centers in California are held to high standards for pesticide use and the dissemination of information about their use under the California Healthy Schools Act (HSA). All staff that use pesticides are required to complete one hour of training annually, however, they can only take courses that are approved by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). To help California districts easily meet this HSA requirement, PublicSchoolWORKS created the "Healthy Schools Act" online training course, which has been approved by the California DPR.

According to the California DPR and the HSA, a pesticide is "any substance or mixture of substances intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate any pest." Even disinfectant sprays and sanitizing solutions, which almost all staff members use to disinfect surfaces, are considered pesticides. Therefore, almost every staff member must complete pesticide training on an annual basis.

PublicSchoolWORKS' one-hour Healthy Schools Act online training course provides an overview of the California HSA and its requirements, outlines integrated pest management (IPM), how to implement IPM in the school setting, and explains how to properly use pesticides to keep children safe.

"It's important for teachers to be trained to properly use any substance, pesticide or not, to ensure their students are safe," said Tom Strasburger, Vice President, Sales & Marketing of PublicSchoolWORKS. "This new course adds to PublicSchoolWORKS' ability to provide a culture of safety in schools."

About PublicSchoolWORKS

Since 2000, PublicSchoolWORKS safety compliance management solutions have focused on helping schools easily meet ever-changing compliance requirements, improve staff and student safety, cut costs associated with risk, and reduce administrator and staff time and effort. PublicSchoolWORKS is the only, complete K12 safety compliance management program created by and for schools, and is proud to provide districts with award-winning technology and support recognized by North American educators. For more information on how PublicSchoolWORKS can improve district safety programs, contact **1-877-779-6757** or sales@publicschoolworks.com.

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