

## Blancato, Allison

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**From:** Brian Reardon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:03 AM  
**To:** Blancato, Allison  
**Subject:** School Pesticide Use, H.B.NO 5155

Dear Ms.Blancato, as a landscaper who took care of more than 45 lawns on Nantucket Island, using only top dressings of compost, and lime when soil tests indicated a need, you can have beautiful lawns on school grounds as well, using natural methods and without the use of inorganic products shown to have a detrimental effect on CHILDRENS HEALTH. It is a matter of, ironically, TEACHING, teaching school facilities caretakers to use practical, cheaper methods to create beautiful lawns without putting children at risk. There is a wealth of material on this subject and on horticultural blogs, etc., this has been a hot subject for years because everyone knows, instinctively, just from walking into Home Depot's lawn care products section and smelling the toxic fumes, that this is not something you would want your towns children playing around and being exposed to. Let's take the pesticides of any nature from school grounds, and for that matter public spaces of any kind. Thank You for your thoughtful consideration. Brian J Reardon