



## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

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Dear South Milwaukee Resident,

As you may know, the School District has award winning prairies surrounding the 6-12 campus. In an effort to keep the prairies healthy the District will be conducting a prescribed burn of the prairies. The burn will be performed by Applied Ecological Services Inc. and will be completed in two days between March 28<sup>th</sup> – and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Attached you will find a flyer with details that describe why a prescribed burn is needed, and some of the safety measures that will be taken. A big variable that will determine if this prescribed burn is successful is the weather. The weather conditions need to be right for the burn to take place; this is why we have a few potential dates even though the burn will take two days. If the weather conditions are not right, the burn will not take place.

We know that this will impact the neighborhoods around the prairie which is why we are communicating with you in advance of the prescribed burn. For more information on prescribed burns please visit:

[www.appliedeco.com/projects/BenefitsofPrescribedfires.pdf](http://www.appliedeco.com/projects/BenefitsofPrescribedfires.pdf)

The web addresses above will take you to an informational article that will review prescribed burns; in particular it will address the following issues:

- Prescribed Burn Process (How and Why)
- Weather Conditions
- Smoke Management
- Burn Plan Objectives
- Public Relations and Education
- Results

Please direct any questions or concerns to Blaise Paul (School District) at 414-766-5027 or Chuck Campbell (Applied Ecological Services) at 608-897-8641. You can also visit the District Prairie Webpage at <http://www.sdsd.k12.wi.us/district/prairie.cfm#d226482> for more information and pictures of the burn after it is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blaise Paul".

Blaise Paul  
Director of Business Services