



April 3, 2025

Dear Chargers,

We understand that the news of bed bugs may cause concern. Bed bugs are a common pest that can be managed effectively with the right procedures.

The school district followed the proper procedures and protocol. We spoke to the PA Department of Health and they confirmed that our response was above and beyond what they would usually expect.

There is NOT an infestation at the school. In order to have an infestation, there must be a presence of exoskeletons shed by the bed bugs, rusty-colored blood spots, and a sweet musty odor. The school district does not have any of these factors present.

Even though the school district does not have an infestation, we scheduled a certified exterminator to inspect and treat the high school accordingly.

We are taking all the necessary steps to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the school, and at no point should this situation disrupt our students' learning experience. Please know that we are closely monitoring the situation, and we will provide updates as needed.

As this situation is not considered an infestation, the district does not see this situation as a reason to excuse students from attending school.

Carbondale Area School District appreciates your continued support.

With Charger Pride,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly W. Sayre".

Holly W. Sayre
Superintendent of Schools
Carbondale Area School District