How You Can Prevent
Mice and Rats

Keep Our School Healthy and Pest-Free

• Mice and rats can spread disease, cause asthma, and damage our school.

• Help keep mice and rats outside by keeping our school clean, neat, and well-maintained.

Prevent

• Keep desks, shelves, cupboards and lockers clean and neat.

• Don’t leave food in your desk, locker or backpack.

• Don’t prop open outside doors.

Observe and Report

Report to the custodian or principal if you see:

• Droppings
• Gnawed food packages or computer cables
• Live animals, such as a mouse running across the floor
• Animal in a trap
• Food or food-waste left out overnight

Deal with Uninvited Guests—Safely

• Leave rodent traps and boxes alone.
• Tell a custodian if a trap is out of place, damaged or has an animal in it.
• Droppings should be sprayed with disinfectant, then wiped up with paper towels, sealed in a plastic bag and discarded. Do not vacuum.

For more information and problem solving tools, please visit www.northeastIPM.org/schools

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