

MIDLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made potassium iodide (KI) pills available free of charge to people who live, work or attend school within a ten-mile radius of a nuclear facility. KI ("kay-eye") is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in providing an extra layer of protection against thyroid disease, including thyroid cancer, in the event of a release of radioactive iodine. Taken at the time of or within the first few hours following a radiological release, KI will protect the thyroid gland, which is located in the front of the neck.

PLEASE NOTE: The best protective action in a radiation emergency is evacuation.

Should an emergency occur, the media would broadcast official recommendations to the public for protective actions including the possible use of KI. Most importantly, KI tablets will be available at school should a recommendation to take KI occur while school is in session. Distribution through the school system is being given high priority for the reason that children are much more sensitive to the ill effects of radioactive iodide than are adults.

KI should NOT be taken by anyone who is allergic to iodide.

If you have any questions or need more information regarding the school's participation in the program or the consent form, please call Mrs. Beth Calahan at 724-643-8650 Ext. 215.

Please circle and sign below:

I **DO** want my child to be given potassium iodide, when instructed by the public health officials, in the event of a radioactive emergency during school hours.

I **DO NOT** want my child to be given potassium iodide, when instructed by the public health officials, in the event of a radioactive emergency during school hours.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ GRADE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____

Return to the School Nurse at Midland Elementary-Middle School