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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school building is located within the 10-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) of the Indian Point nuclear power plant. In January 2001, the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission amended its policy on the availability and usage of the over-the-counter drug potassium iodide (KI) during a radiological emergency. As a result, New York State also revised its policy regarding providing KI to the general population in the 10-mile emergency planning zones surrounding the Indian Point, Nine Mile Point and Ginna commercial nuclear power sites.

KI is an over-the-counter drug that protects the thyroid from exposure to radioactive iodine. KI only protects one organ against one radioactive substance. It is not an alternative to evacuation or sheltering (see attached KI information sheet). In fact, evacuation and sheltering remain New York's primary public protective actions in the event of an accident at any nuclear power site.

Should the County and/or State Department of Health recommend the use of KI during an emergency the Croton-Harmon School District will have KI available on-site for your child. Evacuation from the 10-mile EPZ remains our primary protective radiological action. In the event that evacuation is not immediately possible and/or KI use recommended by County and/or State health officials, an appropriate dose of KI will be available for your child.

If you do **not** want the school to provide your child with KI in a radiological emergency, you **must** sign and return the Potassium Iodide (KI) Refusal/Opt-Out form to the school nurse. The fillable form can be found on our district website, www.chufsd.org by clicking the district tab and then clicking on the forms tab. This form will remain in effect as long as your child attends this school building, unless you notify us in writing that you now wish your child to be provided with KI. **Please note that if you do not return the enclosed form and KI use is recommended by health officials, your child will receive KI.**

If you have any concerns regarding the emergency use of KI or questions on your child's health and the use of KI, please discuss this with your child's health care provider. If you have any further questions about the school's program, please contact the school nurse, principal or me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah O'Connell

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Potassium Iodide (KI) Refusal/Opt-Out Form

If you **DO NOT** want your child given potassium iodide (KI) in the event of a radiological emergency, complete this form and return it to your child’s school within three days.

I understand that potassium iodide (KI) may be given to my child if recommended by the County and/or State Department of Health in a radiological emergency.

I have read and understand the Parent/Guardian letter, Potassium Iodide (KI) Parent Q&A’s, and Department of Health KI information sheet.

I **DO NOT** want my child given potassium iodide (KI) in the event of a radiological emergency.

Child’s Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher/Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____ Telephone Number: _____

IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM AND KI USE IS RECOMMENDED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS, YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE KI.

School Reception Centers

If students and school personnel must be relocated as a precautionary measure, or evacuated immediately for their safety, buses will take them to School Reception Centers. The listing shows the School Reception Center (SRC) to which students from each school would be taken:

Croton-Harmon School District

Asbury Play and Learn Nursery School
Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School
Children's Space
Circle School
Croton Community Nursery School
Croton-Harmon High School
Holy Name of Mary Montessori School
Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School
Temple Israel of North Westchester
The Garden Road

School Reception Center

Westchester Community
College Student Center
75 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY