

School Board Meeting:
Subject:
Presenter:

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Teaching & Learning
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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Board action is not required for the first reading of policies.

DESCRIPTION:

The following policies are recommended for revision.

First Reading of a Revised Policy

The following revised policies are being presented to the School Board for first reading:

- Policy 630 – Early Entrance
 MSBA Recommended Policy
Brief Description: The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure to consider a student for early entrance to kindergarten as an exception to the age entrance requirements as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 120A.20, Subd. 1(b) (Admission to Public School).

- Policy 516.1 – K.I. Potassium Iodine
 MSBA Recommended Policy
Brief Description: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Food and Drug Administration have found potassium iodide (KI), an over-the-counter medication, if taken just prior to or within four hours of exposure to a plume from a nuclear generating plant, blocks the uptake of radioactive iodine by the thyroid gland and reduces the risk of thyroid cancer. Children are the most vulnerable to the effects of this type of radiation and should be offered protection during a nuclear generating plant event. KI does not offer protection to any other part of the body except the thyroid and only from the uptake of radioactive iodide.

In order to minimize health and safety risks to staff and students, the School District will distribute potassium iodide (KI) according to the Food and Drug Administration's recommended dosages in the unlikely event of, and potential exposure to, radioactive material from the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Participation requires signed prior consent from a parent or guardian for children under 18 years of age authorizing administration. Staff and visitors within a participating school will also be offered KI at the time of dispensing. The KI distribution plan designed by the licensed school nurse or school district shall designate trained individuals to dispense KI.