

# Panel to guide testing at school

■ Committee of health experts, citizens to advise school board.

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An advisory panel may be formed as soon as Friday to look at both the cold scientific facts and the heated emotions surrounding the cancer investigation at Southside High School.

Committee members will represent a broad cross section of the community and will include medical and technical experts, lawyers, parents, students and nonelected officials, said Elmira City School Superintendent Laura Sherwood.

The committee will be principally interested in addressing the technical questions of residents regarding the state's recent testing of the soil, air and water at the

## CONCERN on the SOUTHSIDE

### Searching for students

The Elmira school district has completed a draft of a survey that it intends to mail to former Southside High School students to alert them to the cancer investigation at the school. It will also provide the students with contact information, said Elmira School Superintendent Laura E. Sherwood. The district is setting up a toll-free hot line for students to obtain information. That phone number is not yet available.

1,100-student school.

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