

TechSafeSchools

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Mr. John Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith,

We are writing to you about a rapidly emerging issue regarding the health and safety of students and teachers in your school: the increasing amount of radiofrequency radiation (RFR) in school environments, the growing number of students and teachers who are being physically affected by RFR, and the potential liabilities associated with emissions from wireless devices in classrooms. Our objective is to provide you and your staff with recommended technical adjustments and other mitigation techniques to help you reduce or eliminate this exposure. Our recommendations **will not** impact your technology-based curricula.

This information comes to you now because of three concurrent developments. First, the increasing proliferation of wireless technology in schools, such as next-generation Wi-Fi 6, WiGig and 5G systems, all of which emit higher-frequency radiation than the current generation of wireless systems they are intended to replace. Second, two recent government studies have precipitated an increased and urgent concern among medical and public health professionals about the potential long term health impacts of exposure to RFR. And third, a lack of sufficient testing – or up-to-date exposure guidelines – make it impossible for purveyors of wireless technology to guarantee the safety of children and young adults.

We are enclosing a Memorandum of Law from a group of highly respected attorneys which sets out the legal responsibility of school administrators to exercise prudent care regarding any possible hazard, and establishes the fact that vendor or third-party assurances of compliance relying on outdated federal guidelines may not provide a sufficient legal shield from liability. I urge you to share the Memorandum with your attorney, fellow administrators and board members or trustees. Our dual interest is in helping you protect the students, teachers and staff in your school, and reduce the potential liability of your institution.

Our project website, www.TechSafeSchools.org, contains detailed technical information to help you reduce exposure in classrooms, reflecting the recommendations of the United States Access Board, the Department of Labor and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Also, you will find links to abstracts from dozens of recently published, peer-reviewed scientific studies, which demonstrate serious biological harm from exposure to RFR at levels currently deemed safe by

the federal government. These studies disprove the long-held notion that non-ionizing radiation is harmless, which has been the basis for legislation and regulation of RFR in the United States for almost forty years.

It is of particular interest that insurance providers have calculated the magnitude of potential human harm from RFR to be on par with claims settled by cigarette and asbestos manufacturers, who falsely gave assurances of safety despite evidence to the contrary. Most commercial insurance policies have exclusions for electromagnetic fields and RFR, which are deemed to be a form of pollution.

As part of this health and safety initiative, we are offering three free national webinars; one each on legal issues, scientific and medical issues, and technical issues. Please see the invitation card included with this package for registration information. In addition to the webinars, we will be reaching out to you and other school administrators to answer questions and offer assistance with mitigation, and to develop an ongoing assessment of actions taken by schools to mitigate the risks associated with these exposures.

We know that you share our belief that nothing is more important than the health and safety of our children, and we hope you will recognize the seriousness of this problem and immediately cease the implementation of any new wireless technologies or "upgrades" in your school while you take steps to adopt safer technology alternatives.

Parents of the students under your care deserve not only the exceptional educational opportunities your school affords their children, but the peace of mind that comes from knowing that the school is taking all reasonable steps to protect students and staff from all foreseeable risks to their safety. We look forward to working with you to eliminate those risks and provide a safe learning environment for everyone in your school.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wood,
Director
The TechSafe Schools Project

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