



February 11, 2013

Dear Members of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board:

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the “Common Core Technology Project Plan” in its current form.

The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) has been engaged in creating market incentives for the electronics industry to design, manufacture, and dispose of their products in a way that protects public health. We have been a leading public interest voice advocating for the strongest environmental criteria possible in the internationally-recognized Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) eco-label system.

Please ensure that the Common Core Technology Project does not move forward until the necessary Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is conducted in compliance with the Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code, Division 13. In addition, please ensure proper compliance with this California Code including mitigation of the known environmental impacts of the procurement and use of the electronic devices in this \$500,000,000.00 technology project.

CEH is concerned about the huge amount of anticipated electronic waste and energy use that will result from this project, which is not properly addressed by this proposal. We also would like to see mitigation efforts to address all possible adverse environmental and health impacts including toxic management and exposures in this proposed project before approval. Finally, we request public disclosure of the finalized Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and public access to the proposed mitigations as required by law.

In particular, please include the following elements:

- Craft explicit end-of-life waste management including inclusion of needed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) provisions stipulated in all of the electronic device procurement specifications.
- Craft other multi-attribute Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) procurement specifications including inclusion of compliance with Energy Star for device use, recycled content provisions compliant with CA SABRC for all device housings, and EPEAT-registration.
- Certify and conduct a FULL environmental Health Risk Assessment of all of the health impacts of exposures to EMF radiation from usage of the cellular/Wi-Fi antennas and the switching electronic device battery packs in this project including exposure of children, pregnant women, and disabled to antenna mounted in the classrooms and those embedded in the electronic devices carried and used by students.

Please properly comply with the applicable State and Federal environmental laws listed above. Please be reminded that CCR Title 5, Section 14010 requires certification by the California Department of Education (CDE) for this half billion dollar State-funded project! Do not approve before you fully comply with the laws.

In closing, I urge you to please VOTE NO on this "Common Core Technology Project Plan" in its current form.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Chiang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail on the "g".

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