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Subject: Wired versus WiFi/LAUSD schools

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Dear LAUSD Board Members,

I am writing to you both as a concerned citizen of Los Angeles and as an electrosensitive person.

It is imperative that you make the prudent and precautionary decision to choose wired technology versus WiFi when you make your votes at Tuesday's meeting concerning the installation of WiFi in Los Angeles School District classrooms.

Besides the myriad health issues of which you have been informed by physicians, scientists, and technology specialists, it is critical that you look at issues of liability and access.

Electrohypersensitivity is a condition that is on the rise. As far back as 1998 a survey performed by the California Department of Health Services found that 120,000 Californians suffered from this condition. Extrapolated over the U.S. population, this amounts to at least one million individuals whose lives and access were compromised. That was before the huge proliferation of wireless technology that now surrounds us. The numbers are growing.

Because exposure seems to be one of the causal factors, it is reasonable to assume that the intense and prolonged exposure to the damaging aspects of wireless technology that will take place if you approve its implementation in school rooms will result in high levels of electrosensitivity in our student population.

When these children and their teachers become ill from the wireless technology to which they will be subjected in LAUSD schools, what will you do to protect them from further harm and guarantee them access? How will you respond to the mandate to create separate schoolrooms and recreation areas so that they will have equal access -- a consideration that I am sure is familiar to you? How will the District handle the personal injury lawsuits that will arise from the forced exposure of children, teachers, staff, and the unborn? Are there line items in your budget that will adequately address these very real concerns.

The District is required by law to provide equal access to those with disabilities. How will the District do this when electrosensitivity that has arisen from schoolroom exposure creates legions of disabled? Will you create a problem that will be prohibitively costly to mitigate?

PLEASE consider the foregoing carefully when you vote on Agenda Item 12 at tomorrow's

meeting.

The Bond monies that are available to the District are precious. Do not squander them by allowing Phase I to go forward. The fifty million dollars that Phase I represents will be better spent on WIRED methods. Do not waste even one dollar on putting into place what could be one of the greatest disasters in LAUSD history. It would be misguided and the repercussions will potentially last for decades.

If you do go forward with this, it will be remembered that it took place on your watch, during your tenure -- despite all the warnings you have received.

You made the wise and commendable decision in 2009 to prevent wireless hazards from harming LAUSD students. Please do the same tomorrow.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shane Gregory

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