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To: Members of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board

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Re: Wired vs. wireless technology systems/Common Core Project Plan

I understand that the LAUSD Board has the opportunity to make a critical precedent-setting decision with regard to the health and safety of hundreds of thousands of children and staff members.

As a public school educator myself, I support the goals of improving instruction by providing ready internet access and modern learning tools. However, it is essential that the District do so with wired rather than wireless systems.

Wireless systems will expose your student population, teachers and other staff to a steady dose of radiofrequency radiation that is known to cause harm, including headaches, learning impairments and increased cancer risk. Children are particularly vulnerable to environmental toxins.

I urge you to expand wired internet infrastructure and employ related technology practices that will insure that the children and staff of one of the largest school districts in the nation learn and work in a safe environment.

Thank you.