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**PARENT SUING PORTLAND, OREGON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN  
DISTRICT COURT CITING BREACH OF 14TH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO  
CHOICE BY INSTALLING WI FI WITHIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

Portland, OR – June 19, 2011 – A parent of a child in a Portland Public School is suing PPS, for installing a wi fi infrastructure throughout the school system. Citing breach of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment **right to choice**, the plaintiff in the case has serious, legally and scientifically established concerns about the safety of wi fi technology and its potential biological effects on children. These concerns have been made more urgent by the recent (June 2011) **World Health Organization classification of radio frequency radiation as a 2B “possible” carcinogen.**

The plaintiff contends that PPS policy of using wi fi in their schools impinges on his rights and fundamental liberties under the Fourteenth Amendment to the care and control of his child's health and continued well being. The plaintiff will seek an injunction to stop the use of wi fi immediately until the case is resolved by the courts.

The Portland School Board would not consider the many scientific studies that have been made available to them and would not speak to Mr. Morrison despite numerous attempts by him to discuss the matter.

PPS inserted a Wi Fi infrastructure without compliance of HHS (Health & Human Services) institutional requirements for “subjecting children to an agent whose effect on whole body health” is at **best, “a possible carcinogen--.”**(W.H.O.). It is known that children's developing bodies are much more sensitive to radio frequency radiation than adults and should be more cautiously considered when being exposed to environmental toxins of any kind. There is concern within the international scientific community that full body exposure to RF from Wi Fi technology, for 7-8 hrs each day may not be safe. Cancer, sterilization, DNA damage, and leakage of the blood brain barrier are but a few concerns

**An employee within the I.T. Department of PPS said the “safety of wi fi and RF radiation was not a consideration” and that the school board relied entirely on information supplied by the manufacturer, Cisco Systems. None of the information supplied by Cisco Systems makes the claim that wi fi is safe.**

Using children as guinea pigs, by exposing them to wi fi radiation in schools, is a violation of national and international law as information is being gathered on the effects of wi fi by the National Toxicology Institute without the informed consent of the individuals involved.

PPS use of wi fi is also a breach of the **Americans With Disabilities Act** which requires a safe environment for people with disabilities. In peer reviewed studies, Magda Havas, PhD ([www.magdahavas.com](http://www.magdahavas.com)), has shown that wireless technology affects blood sugar and medical implants which makes a wi fi environment even more precarious for children with diabetes, implants, and certain other health related conditions that are affected by exposure to radio frequency radiation from wi fi emissions.

- **Testifying on behalf of Mr. Morrison, and his daughter, will be 4 expert witnesses**

from 3 different countries: Dr. David Carpenter, Director, Institute For Health and the Environment University @ Albany, N.Y. (a presenter to President Obama's cancer panel); Barrie Trower; retired Head of Microwave Research for British Military Intelligence, Curtis Bennett, Infrared Imaging Expert, Thermografix Corporation, B.C. and Lloyd Morgan; Senior Research Fellow, Environmental Health Trust. Lloyd Morgan may be contacted @ 510-841-4362

**THE TEXT OF THE ENTIRE CASE MAY BE ACCESSED @ [www.wirelesswatchblog.org](http://www.wirelesswatchblog.org)**

## **INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO PAST AND EMERGING SCIENCE:**

In Sept. 2007 Germany advised avoiding wi fi "wherever possible." In April 2009, in response to "urgent" outcries from scientists and the public, the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety voted overwhelmingly to recommend that precautions be taken to protect human health with regard to "wireless technologies, such as mobile phones, Wi-Fi/Wi-Max, Bluetooth, DECT portable phones and cell towers." Since then several European countries have taken action. The teachers union in Great Britain said "wi fi should be banned from all schools." Recently Switzerland, home of the World Health Organization, announced it will be removing wi fi from all of its schools. France has removed wi fi from the Sorbonne, the National Library and some of its schools as well. Ireland refused wi fi in its schools. In Nov. 2010, the govt. of Israel recommended adopting the "precautionary principle" by reducing exposure in its schools. Currently, one Canadian school will be removing wi fi after several students developed acute debilitating physical symptoms

### **Governments and organizations that ban or warn against wireless technology**

**1993: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** The FCC's exposure standards are "seriously flawed."

Official comments to the FCC on guidelines for evaluation of electromagnetic effects of radio frequency radiation, FCC Docket ET 93-62, November 9, 1993.

**1993: Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** "FCC rules do not address the issue of long-term, chronic exposure to RF fields." Comments of the FDA to the FCC, November 10, 1993.

**1993: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):** The FCC's standard is inadequate because it "is based on only one dominant mechanism—adverse health effects caused by body heating."

Comments of NIOSH to the FCC, January 11, 1994.

**1994: Amateur Radio Relay League Bio-Effects Committee:** "The FCC's standard does not protect against non-thermal effects." Comments of the ARRL Bio-Effects Committee to the FCC, January 7, 1994.

- 2000: UK Department of Education:** Children under 16 should not use cell phones except in an emergency. [http://www.cellular.co.za/news\\_2000/news-08052000\\_uk\\_schools\\_warned\\_over\\_radiation.htm](http://www.cellular.co.za/news_2000/news-08052000_uk_schools_warned_over_radiation.htm)
- 2002: Interdisciplinary Society for Environmental Medicine (3000 physicians in Germany)** recommends banning cell phone use by children and banning cell phones and cordless phones in preschools, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, events halls, public buildings and vehicles. [http://www.bioprotechnology.com/Press\\_FREIBURGER\\_APPEAL.aspx](http://www.bioprotechnology.com/Press_FREIBURGER_APPEAL.aspx)
- 2003: American Bird Conservancy and Forest Conservation Council:** Brought a lawsuit against the FCC because millions of migratory birds were being disoriented by microwave radiation and crashing into cell towers. [http://www.ewire.com/display.cfm/Wire\\_ID/1498](http://www.ewire.com/display.cfm/Wire_ID/1498)
- 2004: International Association of Fire Fighters** opposes communication antennas on fire stations. <http://www.iaff.org/HS/Facts/CellTowerFinal.asp>
- 2005: Salzburg, Austria's Public Health Department** bans WLAN and DECT phones in public schools.
- August 2005: Austrian Medical Association:** Warns against Wi-Fi, cordless phones, and cell phone use by children. [http://www.thepeoplesinitiative.org/Wifi\\_and\\_Schools.html](http://www.thepeoplesinitiative.org/Wifi_and_Schools.html)
- August 2005: Vienna Medical Association** warns against Wi-Fi, and cell phone use by children up to age 16. [http://www.mastsanity.org/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=2&Itemid=64](http://www.mastsanity.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=2&Itemid=64)
- 2006: Frankfurt, Germany's government** states it will not install WiFi in its schools until it has been shown to be harmless. [http://www.icems.eu/docs/deutscher\\_bundestag.pdf](http://www.icems.eu/docs/deutscher_bundestag.pdf)
- 2006: UK schools** remove their wireless networks: Prebandal Preparatory School, Chichester, West Sussex; Ysgol Pantycelyn School in Carmarthenshire, Wales; and Stowe School, in Buckinghamshire, England. *London Times*, November 20, 2006. [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life\\_and\\_style/education/article642575.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/article642575.ece)
- 2007: Ballinderry Primary School, Ireland:** Removed Wi-Fi to protect young children. [http://www.ni4kids.com/Features/article.aspx?listing\\_id=d5bdd25f-90bc-41c1-aeb1-f974ab325edf&cat\\_id=3286371c-bbaf-4c93-985c-e2d13117659a](http://www.ni4kids.com/Features/article.aspx?listing_id=d5bdd25f-90bc-41c1-aeb1-f974ab325edf&cat_id=3286371c-bbaf-4c93-985c-e2d13117659a)
- 2007 Bavaria, Germany's Parliament** recommends against Wi-Fi in schools. [http://www.icems.eu/docs/deutscher\\_bundestag.pdf](http://www.icems.eu/docs/deutscher_bundestag.pdf)
- 2007 Australian Democrats:** The "explosion in wireless communications technology" is causing widespread illness. [http://www.democrats.org.au/docs/2007/Joining\\_the\\_Dots\\_ExecSummary.pdf](http://www.democrats.org.au/docs/2007/Joining_the_Dots_ExecSummary.pdf)
- 2007: European Environmental Agency,** Europe's top environmental watchdog, calls for immediate action to reduce exposure to radiation from Wi-Fi, mobile phones and their masts. [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=10463870](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=10463870)

- 2008: International Commission on Electromagnetic Safety (comprised of scientists from 16 nations):** Recommends limiting cell phone use by children, teenagers, pregnant women and the elderly. <http://www.icems.eu/resolution.htm>
- 2007: Therold, Ontario** closes down its citywide Wi-Fi pilot scheme. <http://www.glastonburynaturalhealth.co.uk/WhyWi-Fi.html>
- 2008: Lakehead University, Ontario** bans Wi-Fi on campus. <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=178>
- 2008: Madhya Pradesh, India:** Bans cell phones in schools by both students and teachers. [http://www.indiaedunews.net/Madhya\\_Pradesh/Teachers\\_students\\_unhappy\\_with\\_mobile\\_phone\\_ban\\_in\\_schools\\_5241/](http://www.indiaedunews.net/Madhya_Pradesh/Teachers_students_unhappy_with_mobile_phone_ban_in_schools_5241/)
- 2008: National Library of France:** Removes Wi-Fi because of health concerns and limits installation to cable connections. <http://www.next-up.org/pdf/FranceNationalLibraryGivesUpWiFi07042008.pdf>
- 2008: Paris, France** removes Wi-Fi from four public libraries because of health concerns. [http://www.accessmylibrary.com/coms2/summary\\_0286-35451555\\_ITM](http://www.accessmylibrary.com/coms2/summary_0286-35451555_ITM)
- 2008 Sainte-Geneviève University, Paris:** Removes Wi-Fi from its library because of health concerns. <http://www.next-up.org/pdf/AnalysisWiFiHotSpotsDeactivationSainteGenevieveLibraryParis24052008.pdf>
- 2008: Progressive Librarians Guild** recommends against wireless technology in libraries. <http://libr.org/plg/wifiresolution.php>
- 2008: Russian National Committee for Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection** warns that cell phones are unsafe even for short conversations. Children under 16, pregnant women, epileptics, and people with memory loss, sleep disorders and neurological diseases should never use cell phones. [http://www.radiationresearch.org/pdfs/rncnirp\\_children.pdf](http://www.radiationresearch.org/pdfs/rncnirp_children.pdf)
- 2008 Sebastopol, California:** Reneges on its contract to install citywide Wi-Fi. <http://www.boingboing.net/2008/03/24/town-of-sebastopol-c.html>
- 2008: University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute:** Children should never use a cell phone except in an emergency. <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/08205/898803-114.stm>
- 2008: Voice (UK Teachers Union)** calls for a ban on Wi-Fi in schools. [http://www.voicetheunion.org.uk/index.cfm/page/\\_sections.content.cfm/cid/1326/navid/434/parentid/330](http://www.voicetheunion.org.uk/index.cfm/page/_sections.content.cfm/cid/1326/navid/434/parentid/330)
- 2009: Hérrouville Saint-Clair, France:** Bans Wi-Fi in public schools. <http://www.wifiinschools.org.uk/4.html>
- 2009: Irish Doctors Environmental Association:** Warns that current safety guidelines are “not appropriate.” <http://www.ideaireland.org/>

**2009: Karnataka State, India:** Bans cell phones in all schools and pre-university colleges. <http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/14/stories/2009091454460500.htm>

**May 2009: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** urges Congress to focus on the potential connection between electromagnetic fields and “Bee Colony Collapse”. <http://electromagnetichealth.org/electromagnetic-health-blog/emf-and-warnke-report-on-bees-birds-and-mankind/>

**July, 2010:** France prohibits advertising cell phones to children under 14; prohibits children up to age 14 from using cell phones in pre-schools and public schools; requires cell phones to be labeled with SAR values and a recommendation to use headsets. [http://www.next-up.org/pdf/Legifrance\\_Loi\\_nr\\_2010\\_788\\_du\\_12\\_07\\_2010\\_article\\_183\\_et\\_184\\_code\\_postes\\_et\\_des\\_communications\\_electroniques.pdf](http://www.next-up.org/pdf/Legifrance_Loi_nr_2010_788_du_12_07_2010_article_183_et_184_code_postes_et_des_communications_electroniques.pdf).

**February, 2011:** The International Electromagnetic Fields Alliance (IEMFA) announced a scientific Consensus Statement published by a consortium of international scientists urging global governments to adopt significantly lower human exposure standards for electromagnetic fields. [http://www.iemfa.org/images/pdf/SELETUN\\_statement.pdf](http://www.iemfa.org/images/pdf/SELETUN_statement.pdf)

**June, 2011:** The Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe (PACE) released a document entitled: The potential dangers of electromagnetic fields and their effect on the environment. Resolution 1815 (2011). The Council strongly recommended removing Wi Fi and cell phones from schools.

**June, 2011:** The World Health Organization (W.H.O.) recognized in a meeting with 31 international scientists that cell phones may “possibly” cause cancer in humans and gave it a 2B classification as a possible carcinogen. Wi Fi uses the same frequency as cell phones.

## **DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS CALLING FOR STRICTER REGULATION AND/OR A MORATORIUM ON WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY**

<http://www.ralf-woelfle.de/elektrosmog/redir.htm?http://www.ralf-woelfle.de/elektrosmog/allgemein/appelle.htm>,  
<http://www.avaate.org/IMG/doc/Alcalaci.doc>

**Vienna Resolution 1998**

**Salzburg Resolution 2000**

**Declaration of Alcalá 2002**

**Catania Resolution 2002**

**Freiburger Appeal 2002**

**Bamberger Appeal 2004**

**Maintaler Appeal 2004**

**Coburger Appeal 2005**

**Stockacher Appeal 2005**

**Oberammergauer Appeal 2005**

**Haibacher Appeal 2005**

**Pfarrkirchener Appeal 2005**  
**Freienbacher Appeal 2005**  
**Lichtenfelser Appeal 2005**  
**Hofer Appeal 2005**  
**Helsinki Appeal 2005**  
**Parish Kirchner Appeal 2005**

**Saarlander Appeal 2005**  
**Benevento Resolution 2006**  
**Allgäuer Appeal 2006**  
**WiMax Appeal 2006**  
**Brussels Appeal 2007**  
**Schlüchterner appeal**  
**Venice Resolution 2008**  
**Berlin Appeal 2008**  
**Paris Appeal 2009**  
**London Resolution 2009**  
**Porto Alegre Resolution 2009**  
**European Parliament**  
**EMF Resolution 2009**  
**Dutch Appeal 2009**  
**Int'l Appeal of Würzburg 2010**  
**2011 Council of Europe:**  
**“Remove wireless from schools”**