

## Script #2

Good evening trustees, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am the parent of a freshman attending school in this district.

My public comments are in regard to wireless radiation and maintaining a safe learning and working environment for students and teachers.

The following is taken from an October 2014 press release, titled "Los Angeles Unified School District Accommodates Teacher Who Fell Ill After Wireless Installation." Last September LAUSD, the second largest US school district, granted a "reasonable accommodation" to Johnnie Cochrane Middle School teacher, Ms. Anura Lawson, by approving her request to have the Wi-Fi turned off in her classroom during the 2014-2015 school year and alternatively approving a reassignment to a different school site where Wi-Fi has yet to be installed.

The Middle School teacher reported that she fell seriously ill after a wireless system upgrade in her school in Spring 2014. She described her cardiac symptoms during a May 28, LAUSD Common Core Tech Project meeting. Ms. Lawson also stated, "The students are having nosebleeds and the main offices are refusing to do incident reports. I have had two seventh grade students bleeding out of their ears."

This is the first accommodation in a US public school system for microwave sickness, also known as electro hypersensitivity (EHS). EHS is not widely recognized in the US.

However, physicians in many other countries are familiar with this medical condition and the diagnosis is more common. EHS symptoms include: headaches, dizziness, anxiety, rapid heart beat (tachycardia) and irregular heart beat (arrhythmia), ear and nose bleeds, tinnitus, red and irritated eyes, increased mucous and upper airway congestion, itchy skin rashes, abdominal pain, poor focus and attention, memory and sleep problems.

In March 2012, the Austrian Medical Association recognized and developed EHS treatment guidelines. In the United States, adverse effects were identified before 1988 when a US Air Force Review, dated 1994, stated that "Experimental evidence has shown that exposure to low intensity radiation can have a profound effect on biological processes."

Decades of accumulated research show wireless radiation damages neurological, immune, and reproductive systems in addition to increasing cancer risk. Professor Olle Johansson, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm Sweden, has stated that wireless radiation exposure studies have indicated "irreversible sterility within five generations." As this damage is cumulative, the longer the radiation exposure, the greater the health impact over time.

The link to the press release has been emailed to you, please read it and click on the 3-minute video of Ms. Lawson and listen to her public comments. Subsequent to the LAUSD May 2014 meeting, an LA toxicologist identified her health reactions to wireless radiation exposure, resulting in the reasonable accommodation. Not included in the press release video are the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who also gave their public comments describing nose/ear bleeds in the Wi-Fi environment, as well as difficulty in completing tests because the Wi-Fi connections were dropped.

You are also being provided an article by Deborah Kopald, BA Harvard; MBA, MIT Sloan School of Management, entitled "Legal and Public Health Problems of the Wireless Age."

The author writes of microwave sickness, describing US and other countries' recognition/lack of recognition amidst an acceleration of EHS.

Given the established and emerging science, it only follows that students and teachers be provided a safe learning/working environment, free from wireless radiation.

Thank you.

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The LAUSD Board of Education went ahead with a wireless technology plan in February 2013, even after they were presented with numerous letters from many noted medical doctors and researchers, including the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, imploring them to use wired technology in the classroom because of the health impacts from wireless radiation.

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders comments on the Wi-Fi disconnects have been substantiated in an April 2014, 89.3 KPCC article, "iPad, Wi-Fi issues interrupt LA schools testing" Teachers and students often grumble about end of the year tests, but at the Los Angeles Unified School District, the complaints are mounting:

- iPads the district purchased to take new state competency tests aren't getting online.
- They're having trouble connecting to keyboards.
- And, in some cases, they're not turning on at all.

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