

## NACST Script #1

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.

I am presenting to you tonight news of the shift away from wireless environments, especially for children. In 2011, the French Cell Phone Statute stated cell phone ads aimed at children younger than 14 are banned and phones made for children under 6 are banned. Most likely, you have not received the news from across the Atlantic, as reported in late January by the French periodical, LeMonde. France, in recognition of health risks from electromagnetic radiation, passed legislation to ban wireless in places dedicated to the welcome, rest and activities of children under 3 years of age. Essentially, this is daycares, preschools and homes. Wireless access for Internet in elementary schools must be disabled when not in use for teaching. Anyone selling a cell phone must provide, upon request, an accessory designed for children under 14 years of age that reduces exposure of the head to radio frequency radiation. Reports are that this is a watered down version of the original legislation, which was much stronger. It is evident that the direction France, as well as many other countries, are going is the removal of wireless radiation from children's environments.

In 2014, the United Federation of Teachers, representing teachers, nurses and professionals working in New York City published a wireless radiation webpage on their site. It reads as follows: "Wireless radiation is emitted by the myriad of wireless devices we encounter every day. It was once thought to be relatively harmless. However, we now know that wireless radiation can cause non-thermal biological effects as well, including damage to cells and DNA, even at low levels. Resources posted on their site include UC Berkeley, Dr. Moskowitz' Reducing Your Exposure to Wireless Radiation and the BabySafe Project brochure What You Need to Know About Wireless Radiation and Your Baby.

Also, in 2014 the New York State Teacher's Union, a federation of more than 1,200 local unions hosted a webinar entitled, Risks of Wireless Technologies and Protecting Children and Staff in Schools.

While there is no known official registry of schools, institutions, or governments taking action on wireless, and we have no way of knowing all the schools that are removing wireless, it is known that Waldorf private schools in Portland, Vermont, and Minneapolis have either removed or decided to remain wireless free.

These growing actions indicate that schools are moving away from wireless technology, the health harms are being communicated and, sadly, experienced. Technology can be accessed via wired connections, not carrying the health harms yet providing a safe, more secure, and faster connection.

Thank you.

## Internet Links to Sources Cited

### Take Back Your Power

France New Law Bans Wi-Fi in Daycares, Restricts Wireless Infrastructure

<https://takebackyourpower.net/france-new-law-bans-wifi-in-daycares-restricts-wireless-infrastructure/>

### Environmental Health Trust

International Policy Actions on Wireless

<http://ehtrust.org/international-policy-actions-on-wireless/>

**2014 United Federation of Teachers ( teachers, nurses and professionals working in New York City).**

New Wireless Radiation Webpage states, "Wireless radiation is emitted by the myriad of wireless devices we encounter every day. It was once thought to be relatively harmless. However, we now know that wireless radiation can cause non-thermal biological effects as well, including damage to cells and DNA, even at low levels.

<http://www.uft.org/our-rights/wireless-radiation>

Resources posted on their site include Dr. Moskowitz' Reducing Your Exposure to Wireless Radiation and the BabySafe Project brochure What You Need to Know About Wireless Radiation and Your Baby. "Taking certain precautions around wireless radiation is appropriate for our most vulnerable populations, including pregnant women."

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B14R6QNkmaXuT1o0aDhWRERmYLE/edit>

<http://www.babysafeproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/BabySafe-Project-Booklet.pdf>

**2014 New York State Teacher's Union NYSUT: A federation of more than 1,200 local unions.**

NYSUT hosted a Webinar: Risks of Wireless technologies and protecting children and staff in schools.

<http://www.nysut.org/resources/all-listing/2014/december/webinar-risks-of-wireless-technologies>