

## Why Cell Towers on Schools is a Bad Idea

A cell tower on school grounds means placing a cell tower in a residential area. This means placing a commercial industry on school grounds near homes.

### **Fact: A Cell Towers Can Lower Property Values.**

- Cell Towers **DROP** Home Prices from 5 to 20%.
- The closer the Tower, the more the Drop.
- Home- buyers prefer backyards *without* a cell tower in view.
- Many Realtors state that cell towers will decrease the price!

### **"Hazards and Nuisances."**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires its appraisers to take cell towers into consideration when determining the value of a single family residential property. HUD guidelines categorize cell towers with "hazards and nuisances."

### **Fact: Cell Tower Structures present Safety Hazards.**

- Hazardous materials will be on school grounds: lead acid batteries and diesel fuel generators.
- Worker accidents are a serious issue being investigated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) due to the increased amount of falls in recent years.
- Fires happen and result in pieces or all of the tower falling down.

**Environmental Concerns:** Green Space on school grounds is often dug up to build the tower compound and research shows Birds are affected by these towers.

### **Fact: Cell Tower Radiation pose Serious Health Issues.**

Doctors state that Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Cell Tower radiation standards are *thousands of times to high* to protect us from long term effects. Cell Towers = Long Term Exposure

- Cell Tower radiation is classified as a Class 2B Possible Human Carcinogen due to increased brain cancer.
- Research shows links to sleep problems, headaches, cancer, and immune issues from living near towers.

**"It is clear that RF radiation can cause single and double strand DNA breaks at exposure levels that are currently considered "safe" under FCC guidelines."**

- Dr. Martin Blank , Columbia University

