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May 16, 2013

Joe Imbriano

Fullerton, CA 92831

Dear Mr. Imbriano,

Please consider this a response to your inquiry regarding Wi-Fi technology in the classrooms of Acacia School. The Fullerton School District is committed to ensuring that all students are provided with an exceptional educational experience, which starts first by maintaining a safe learning environment. We sincerely appreciate your concerns for the safety of the students and staff members.

The District contracted with an experienced Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) to develop a sampling plan for Classrooms 7 and 15 at Acacia School to measure the electronic magnetic fields (EMF) and radio frequency (RF)/microwave levels; and compare them to industry standards as set forth by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The CIH completed this rigorous sampling plan which simulated 35 students using iPad devices in Classroom 7 to stream video and access websites; the iPad devices were arranged in tilted and flat positions on student desktops. Approximately 1640 measurements were collected around, above, and below each iPad. CIH also verified the condition of the hardware (router) and its installation comparing that to the manufacturer's recommendation for safe operation. *It is with utmost confidence that we can confirm that the testing results were significantly lower than any current regulatory standard within the United States, Canada or European Union.*

In regards to performing any further testing, the District respectfully declines your request to perform your own independent testing. We believe that it is a disruption to the learning environment for our students. District policy regarding classroom visitation is outlined in the student handbook; the specific section is attached for your reference and is posted on the District website.

It is important to inform you that the District cannot guarantee that your child or any other student in our school district will be free of contact from Wi-Fi energy. I appreciate as a parent your desire to share your concerns regarding what is in the best interest of your child. The District shares your desire to ensure all students have a safe learning environment.

Respectfully,

Robert Pletka, Ed.D.

cc: Susan Hume, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Fullerton School District  
Laurie Bruneau, Risk Manager, Fullerton School District  
Robert Craven, Director of Technology and Media Services, Fullerton School District  
Karen Whisnant, Principal at Acacia School, Fullerton School District

Attachment: Fullerton School District: Board Policy No. 1250

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS Policy No. 1250**  
**Visitors/Outsiders – Page 1 Board Adopted: January 27, 1987**  
**Revised: September 5, 2006**

The Board of Trustees encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit the schools and view the educational programs.

To ensure minimum interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school days should be first arranged with the principal or designee and the teacher. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time.

During the instructional day visits to a classroom/teacher shall be limited to the lesser of forty-five (45) minutes or a single class period, unless prior written consent is given by both the teacher and the principal/designee, in which case it may not exceed the lesser of two (2) hours or three class periods. Visits to the school shall be limited to the lesser of two (2) hours or three (3) classes without written consent of the principal/designee.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and to avoid potential disruptions, all visitors shall register in the school office immediately upon entering the school building or grounds when school is in session.

All visitors shall comply with any and all reasonable restrictions established by the principal or designee to ensure the safety of students and staff or to minimize disruption of the instructional program.

For the purposes of school safety and security, the principal or designee may design a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the written permission of both the teacher and the principal.

Visitations may be denied or terminated if the principal/designee determines that they may be disruptive to the instructional program; or may pose a significant distraction to either the students, the teacher or other employees; or may be harassing to students or school personnel; or may pose an imminent threat to the health or safety of students or school personnel; or in the opinion of the principal/designee serve no good or beneficial purpose.

For the purposes of this policy the term "visitor" shall mean any person who is not a District employee whose normal assignment and duties would include visits to the school/classroom. The term "school is in session" shall mean thirty (30) minutes before and thirty (30) minutes following the regular instructional day and shall include all recesses, breaks, and lunch periods. The term "instructional day" shall mean thirty (30) minutes before or after students are with a teacher or other staff members for instructional, educational, disciplinary, or other professional purposes.

Legal Reference: Education Code

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor

32212 Classroom interruptions

35160 Authority of governing boards

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