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Dear Dr. Bonnie Henry,

Parents, teachers and students want to know why the BC Provincial Health Officer has not done her due diligence and informed the School Boards about the health risks from the prolonged and accumulative exposure to RF radiation emitting from wireless technology in our schools.

On March 26-29, 2018, the National Toxicology Program (NTP), a 10-year study costing the US 25 million dollars, had eleven experts review the reports from the NTP's cell phone radiation studies. They concluded that exposure to cell phone radiation caused a rare cancer, malignant schwannoma in the heart, and incidences of glioma, a rare, aggressive and highly malignant brain cancer.

<https://ehtrust.org/cell-phone-radiofrequency-radiation-study/>

Conclusions were based on NTP's scale of "clear evidence", "some evidence", "equivocal evidence", and "no evidence". **Clear Evidence being conclusive.**

<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/results/pubs/longterm/defs/index.html>

https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about_ntp/trpanel/2018/march/actions20180328_508.pdf

"The evidence indicating wireless is carcinogenic has increased and can no longer be ignored,"

stated University of Toronto Dalla Lana School of Public Health Professor Emeritus Anthony B. Miller MD, Member of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Canada and the UK, and Senior Medical Advisor to EHT who is also a long-term advisor to the World Health Organization.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=bgGJeOVEDQs

Soon after, the Ramazzini Institute also completed the world's largest animal study on cell tower radiation and confirmed the findings of the National Toxicology Program link to Cancer. This information accompanied with the over 26,000 peer reviewed studies by scientists and medical experts <https://www.emf-portal.org/en> is more than enough evidence for you to apply the precautionary principal to protect our children.

<http://www.sbwire.com/press-releases/worlds-largest-animal-study-on-cell-tower-radiation-confirms-cancer-link-953696.htm>

In January 1998, The Wingspread Conference held a three-day academic conference where the Precautionary Principle was defined. It was agreed **the Precautionary Principle would be implemented when an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically.** The

Precautionary Principle shifts the burden of proof, insisting that those responsible for an activity must vouch for its harmlessness and be held responsible if damage occurs.

<http://sehn.org/wingspread-conference-on-the-precautionary-principle/>

Health is a Provincial Jurisdiction. Your duty and obligation as the Provincial Health Officer and as a Doctor is to implement the Precautionary Principle by honouring your Hippocratic Oath, “nil nocere” to do no harm and protect our children from this health crisis.

All schools now employ industrial wireless networks, exposing students and staff to ubiquitous microwave radiation without any way to shield or avoid this mandatory exposure. Parents have never been informed of the health risks or given their written consent to expose their children to microwave radiation in our schools. School Districts have refused to educate students, parents and staff on how to avoid excessive RFR exposure when handling wireless devices during class time as outlined in user manuals, requirements mandated by law.

Vancouver Island School Boards have shifted the responsibility of potential lawsuits caused by this wireless technology **to their School Medical Health Officer, Dr. Stanwick**, who has endorsed the installation of a known 2b carcinogen in our schools and is unable to provide parents with any peer reviewed studies stating the safety of radiation exposure. **Dr. Stanwick then shifted “the responsibility for professional oversight” to the Provincial Health Officer.**

The BC Ministry of Education has stated *they set educational standards, allocates funds and monitors student achievement but decisions regarding the planning and delivery of supports and services for all students are the responsibility of local boards of education and school district administrators.* This includes decisions around exposure to RF frequencies and the use of WiFi in the classroom setting.

The Health Minister Philpott was also unable to provide parents with peer reviewed studies stating the safety of Wifi safety in our schools and has instead **relied on Health Canada’s Safety Code 6 exposure “guidelines.”**

But on February 20, 2013, James McNamee, scientist for Health Canada, admitted in the Superior Court of Quebec, that the Safety Code 6 guideline for microwave radiation emitting from wireless technology is based ONLY on thermal effects, heating of the skin. This means Canada does not have any regulations in place to protect the public from long-term exposure to the biological effects of the “non-thermal” levels of microwave radiation.

<http://www.magdahavas.com/health-canada-admits-safety-code-6-guideline-for-microwave-radiation-is-based-only-on-thermal-effects/>

On page 3, inside the Safety Code 6 document it states, “*These guidelines apply to all individuals working at, or visiting, federally regulated sites and may also be adopted by the provinces, industry or other interested parties.*” Schools are not federally regulated sites and, therefore, SC 6 does not apply to wifi in schools. The fact that the provinces may Adopt SC 6 means that the provinces are free to set their own guidelines.

<http://www.radiationsafety.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Safety-Code-6.pdf>

In a report by Dr. Martin Pall he discusses Ken Foster and John Moulder, 2 industry affiliated scientists who, for years, have argued that there is no evidence of harm from exposure to microwave radiation. These 2 “bent” scientists have been on Health Canada panels and reviewed Safety Code 6, stating it is protective of non-thermal effects, when it applies to thermal effects only. On page 412 (8 of 12) he explains how they use poor science to help support wifi in schools, cell phones, etc

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cxHocOxsX330O3dsOfJVLHEj2BVI3Klw/view>

Tim Singer from Health Canada responded to a letter concerning the radiation levels in our schools by stating, *Health Canada is aware of concerns related to Wi-Fi in schools, such decisions are not within Health Canada’s mandate. We recommend that you continue **to consult your local school board or provincial authority** to discuss your concerns.*

The finger pointing has now gone full circle and it is obvious that Provincial Health Officer will be held accountable for wilfully ignoring the overwhelming amount of scientific proof of harm.

Parents want to exercise their right to protect their children from harm and are calling on you to take immediate action to mitigate the risk and inform the School Boards throughout the province of the established health risks associated with long term exposure to microwave radiation by recommending the use of hard wired connections to access the Internet in our schools.

The burden of proof should not be put upon the public to prove that it’s unsafe, but upon **the industry to prove it is safe.**

Sincerely,

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