

Fay School's Statement on Wifi Lawsuit

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Below is the text of the letter sent by Rob Gustavson, Head of School, to the Fay community on August 25, 2015.

Dear Parents,

The Fay campus is busy with activity as we continue to prepare for the upcoming school year. Teachers are setting up their classrooms; construction workers are finishing the quadrangle renovation; and our facilities staff is sprucing up buildings. All of us eagerly await your children's arrival after Labor Day.

I'm writing today, however, to inform you about a lawsuit that was recently filed against Fay School concerning the School's use of Wi-Fi technology on our campus. To ensure that you are well informed about this matter, I want to provide some information about what has occurred.

In 2014, the parents of a Fay student indicated that they believed their child's health was being negatively affected by our Wi-Fi network. Since we take all student health issues seriously, we addressed the concerns raised by the parents in this instance as we would any other parental concern.

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of the Fay campus community, the School sought a professional, objective assessment to ensure that our campus complies with all federal and state regulations regarding exposure to ambient radio frequency energy (RFE). To conduct this assessment, we engaged the services of Isotrope, LLC, which specializes in measurement and analysis of radio communication signals and evaluation of emissions safety compliance. Isotrope was one of the firms recommended as an expert source by the parents who raised the concern.

Isotrope's assessment, completed in January 2015, measured levels of the entire radio frequency at once, as well as levels at locations where individual emissions were strongest, most of which were Wi-Fi access points located in buildings on campus. Isotrope found that the combined levels of access point emissions, broadcast radio and television signals, and other RFE emissions on campus comply with federal and state safety limits by a wide margin. Their report stated that "levels of Access Point emissions, inside the School and on the grounds, were substantially less than one ten-thousandth (1/10,000th) of the applicable safety limits (federal and state)."

The Isotrope report further concluded that "RFE emissions measured on Site were substantially below the applicable safety limits. Moreover, even if the more restrictive safety limits adopted in certain countries, such as Italy, were applied, the RFE emissions at the School would still be compliant by a substantial margin." This conclusion was consistent with Fay's prior assessments of the safety of our wireless infrastructure, and it re-affirmed the safety of our campus.

As I stated when I shared these findings with all Fay parents in late January, the School will continue to comply with applicable guidelines from relevant regulatory agencies and will adapt our policies and protocols, if need be, in order to comply with any revisions to such guidelines and regulations.

Despite Isotrope's findings, the parents who raised the issue about the School's Wi-Fi system recently filed a lawsuit against the School and me as Head of School. The policy of the School is to not offer public comment on pending litigation. We will respect

the legal process underway and will continue to handle this matter with appropriate discretion.

The filing of this lawsuit has begun to attract media attention, and I want to make sure you understand the School's position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you and your children on campus in two weeks!

Sincerely,

Rob Gustavson
Head of School

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