

September 13, 2017

Greetings,

I am sending this notification to RES parents/guardians in response to concerns raised by a growing number of RES school community members that RES families are not aware of the following information:

- On May 12, 2015, the district entered into a written agreement with Verizon Wireless to construct a 100-foot high cell phone tower next to the gymnasium of the old Rohrerstown Elementary School, which the district now uses for storage purposes. The plan calls for the tower to be constructed on the side of the old gymnasium facing away from the new RES.
- The decision to enter into this agreement with Verizon Wireless began with discussions that occurred in Buildings & Grounds Committee meetings and School Board meetings between January and May of 2015. All of these meetings were open to the public and discussion of the RES cell tower project is reflected in the minutes for these meetings.
- This will be the second cell phone tower constructed on district property; on October 8, 2013, the School Board approved the construction of a cell tower behind Landisville Middle School. This tower has been in place at LMS for about two years.
- The East Hempfield Zoning Hearing Board re-approved Verizon's application to proceed with this project at its monthly meeting on August 21, 2017. This means Verizon may proceed with construction of the tower after submitting and receiving their building permit from the Township. This could happen at anytime.

Over the past four months, a growing number of RES parents and residents have attended School Board meetings and Buildings & Grounds Committee meetings and raised concerns about the cell tower project. If you are interested in learning more about the project, related safety concerns, and how the district is responding to questions and input provided by community members, please do the following:

- Visit our district website, [www.hempfieldsd.org](http://www.hempfieldsd.org). Hover over the School Board tab, then click on **Cell Tower Information**. This site will be updated as new information becomes available.
- Sign up to receive the monthly School Board e-newsletter for a summary of board activities and meetings. To do so, go to the district website, hover over the School Board tab, then click on Board Communications. Enter your email address to subscribe.
- Download the district Mobile App (available for iPhone and Android) to receive electronic notifications of upcoming board meetings that will include a link to the agenda for future meetings.

Thank you –



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