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Christopher S. Adams, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools Hempfield School District 200 Church Street Landisville, PA 17538-1332

RE: Hempfield School District - Verizon Wireless Sites

Dear Dr. Adams:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the existing and proposed Verizon Wireless tower facilities located on Hempfield School District properties. In your letter, you presented specific requests that the School Board has made to Verizon Wireless in light of comments received by the School Board from concerned members of the community. Verizon Wireless also appreciates the partnership that has been established with the School District and has requested that I provide the following responses to those specific requests:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established RF exposure guidelines that include a large safety margin.<sup>1</sup> The equipment that Verizon Wireless deploys at its

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¹ FCC RF Safety Homepage - <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety/">http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety/</a>, FCC RF Safety FAQ's - <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety/rf-faqs.html">http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety/rf-faqs.html</a>, FCC Consumer Facts, "Human Exposure To Radio Frequency Fields: Guidelines For Cellular & PCS Sites" <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/rfexposure.html">http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/rfexposure.html</a>, "OET 65 - Evaluating Compliance With FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields," - <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/documents/bulletins/Welcome.html#65">http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/documents/bulletins/Welcome.html#65</a>, and "OET 56 - A Local Government Official's Guide to Transmitting Antenna RF Emission Safety: Rules, Procedures, and Practical Guidance" - <a href="http://wireless.fcc.gov/siting/FCC\_LSGAC\_RF\_Guide.pdf">http://wireless.fcc.gov/siting/FCC\_LSGAC\_RF\_Guide.pdf</a>, World Health Organization, <a href="http://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs304/en/">http://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs304/en/</a>, American Cancer Society, <a href="http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/othercarcinogens/athome/cellular-phone-towers">http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/othercarcinogens/athome/cellular-phone-towers</a>.

tower facilities fully complies with all FCC safety standards. For the Rohrerstown Elementary School site, Verizon Wireless previously provided the Zoning Hearing Board and the School District with the referenced report prepared by dBm Engineering, P.C. which confirms that the "radio-frequency emissions from the proposed Verizon Wireless facility will be far below FCC exposure limits."

- Verizon Wireless is not aware of any on-site hazards with respect to its facilities that
  would be of concern. The proposed facility will be completely enclosed by a fence to
  prevent any unauthorized access to the facility. Please advise if the School District has
  any specific concerns regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the proposed facility that
  we can address.
- 3. Verizon Wireless is willing to have representatives attend a School Board meeting to answer questions specific to this project that would be posed by School Board members or members of the administration.
- 4. Verizon Wireless is willing to reimburse the School District for reasonable costs incurred by the School District for RF testing by an independent, third party professional engineer experienced in radio frequency testing selected by the School District and reasonably approved by Verizon Wireless at the existing Landisville Middle School site and the proposed Rohrerstown Elementary School site as follows:
  - a. At the Landisville Middle School site, Verizon Wireless is willing to reimburse the School District for two tests per year for each of the next two years and, provided all results are within the FCC guidelines, one test per year thereafter since the site has already been constructed and is on air.
  - b. At the Rohrerstown Elementary School site, since that site has not yet been constructed, Verizon Wireless is willing to reimburse the School District for one test pre-construction, two tests per year for the first two years post-construction and, provided all results are within the FCC guidelines, one test per year thereafter.
  - c. The School District will provide the testing results to Verizon Wireless.
- 5. Verizon Wireless is willing to work with the School District to coordinate the timeframe for construction of the Rohrerstown Elementary School site.

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Please let us know if the School Board has any additional questions or needs any additional information in order to respond to the comments received from the community. If the School Board would like for Verizon Wireless representatives to attend a School Board meeting, please let us know the date and time of the meeting in advance so that we can be prepared.

In the meantime, we look forward to continuing to work with the School District to maintain the healthy partnership that currently exists between the School District and Verizon Wireless.

Sincerely,

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