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Verizon Wireless  
Attention: James M. Strong  
McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC  
100 Pine Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Hello James,

In the wake of Verizon needing to approach the East Hempfield Township Zoning Hearing Board this past year to obtain a special exception to continue its pursuit of installing a cell phone tower at the location of the former Rohrerstown Elementary School (RES), the Hempfield Board of School Directors and administration have received questions and heard concerns from members of the Rohrerstown school community regarding the RES cell tower project. Since May, 2017, anywhere from three to ten community members have attended multiple Building & Grounds Committee meetings and monthly meetings of the full Board with concerns about the project. Additionally, we've had two to four residents raise concerns, ask questions, and/or voice opposition to the RES cell tower project during the public comment portion of several of these committee and Board meetings.

As we seek to work with members of our community who are vehemently opposed to the project, most of whom have raised concerns about the safety of their elementary-aged children who will attend school in close proximity to the proposed tower, the School Board has asked that we approach Verizon with the following requests. While we understand that the signed lease agreement in place between Verizon and the district obligates the company to do none of these things, we ask that in the interest of maintaining a healthy partnership with the district and cultivating a more trusting relationship within our community, Verizon consider the requests thoughtfully and respond to the district by Thursday, September 21, 2017. Our Chief Operating Officer Dan Forry and I look forward to communicating as needed with Verizon representatives to answer questions and discuss any/all of these requests.

1. Will Verizon please provide the district with any research and/or data the company possesses regarding the safety of the RF energy transmitted by cell towers in general, and Verizon tower facilities in particular, in the frequency ranges that will be utilized by the RES tower? Please note – we already possess a copy of the Electromagnetic Exposure Analysis report (dated 4/27/17) prepared by dBm Engineering, P.C. for the RES Cell Tower site.



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2. Will Verizon please provide the district with any research and/or data the company possesses regarding the safety of company cell tower facilities with respect to potential on-site hazards and/or issues related to cell tower facility maintenance and upkeep?
3. Would Verizon be willing to send representatives to a future School Board meeting to share research, data, or other information that addresses the issue of cell tower safety and community impact, and to provide responses to questions specific to the RES tower project that would be posed by School Board members or members of the administration?
4. Would Verizon be willing to cover the cost of periodic, unannounced measurement of energy transmission levels (quarterly in Year 1, to be revisited in subsequent years) by an independent, impartial third party testing consultant at the Landisville Middle School and Rohrerstown Elementary School tower sites?
5. Finally, would Verizon be willing to delay breaking ground on the RES tower project until we have received responses to the requests posed in this correspondence and information/data requested above?

Thank you for your prompt consideration of the information and requests shared. We look forward to communicating with you in the near future and appreciate any assistance you are able to provide as we respond to safety concerns raised by members of our school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christopher S. Adams'.

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Cc: William H. Otto, HSD School Board President  
Adam Aloisi, HSD School Board Vice President  
Daniel Forry, HSD Chief Operating Officer  
Deborah Baker, Site Acquisition Consultant