

**Subject:** Wi-Fi in schools

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**To:** X

X, we appreciate you have concerns about the effects of Wi-Fi exposure and in particular an unnamed child.

For clarification to the email you sent today:

XX is not an expert in radiation, but rather, she is the Regional Built Environment Consultant for Island Health and is the contact person for Health Protection & Environmental Services. Ms. XX provides content expertise support to the program. Upon review of the evidence, the prevailing position in this province from experts at the federal, provincial and regional levels is that the evidence reveals that Wi-Fi exposure in schools does not pose a level of risk that is unacceptable. This position is held by the other chief medical health officers in the province, Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health and other federal and provincial agencies.

Wi-Fi is ubiquitous in our communities, not just confined to schools, but surrounding businesses and homes. For example, Victoria and Langford have widespread Wi-Fi available and other municipalities are following suit. To eliminate or reduce exposure for an individual to Wi-Fi would require him or her relocating to a remote part of this province that does not have Wi-Fi. Some individuals who share your views claim specialized clothing can purportedly dampen the effects. This non-sanctioned intervention can be purchased through the internet. We will not comment on manufacturers' claims surrounding mitigating impacts on Wi-Fi exposure.

At this stage, there is no compelling scientifically new evidence for Dr. Stanwick to issue an order banning Wi-Fi in schools.

Dr. Stanwick has not received a request to look into this case by either the school or the parents of the child you mention. He is not able to provide any comments in this regard and has only done so in the past when proper protocol respecting student/family privacy has been followed. We do hope that the young boy has had the necessary medical assessment by qualified medical specialists to investigate his condition fully.

Dr. Stanwick will look at the material you submitted and we will forward the material to Ms. XX as well.

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