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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The safety of our students and our wireless network

September 25, 2008. In recent days, a few CSF parents as well as some media outlets have raised questions relating to the possible effects that our schools' wireless network may have on the health of our students. The Conseil scolaire francophone's Technological Services wishes to reassure families and staff that the wireless network (Wi-Fi) that was installed by the CSF fully respects the Health Canada and Industry Canada standards.

The CSF, as all other public institutions in Canada (hospitals, airports, school districts, universities, colleges, libraries, etc.), use the same Health Canada approved technology. By adhering to Health Canada standards, the CSF believes that the health of its students and staff is not put at risk.

The Conseil's decision to access wireless technology is also validated by the World Health Organization that states that extended exposure to Wi-Fi low power waves does not represent a danger for the health of students and staff.

The well being of our students and staff is paramount for the CSF. As a result, while fully respecting the stringent Health Canada standards, the CSF is also closely monitoring all technological development. The Conseil scolaire continues as well to work closely with a body of well respected Canadian researchers who have the mandate to evaluate pedagogical projects emanating from its technological sector.

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