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Information Regarding Cell Towers November 8, 2018

Superintendent

Dr. Ziggy Robeson

The Ripon Unified School District always holds the safety of its students and community as the highest priority. The towers were tested last year by Hammett & Edison, Inc., consulting engineers to determine whether the towers complied with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency ("RF") electromagnetic fields. The studies concluded that the towers comply with the requisite government and industry standards in all respects, and thus, there is no threat to student safety. At that time, it was determined by the Ripon Unified School Board that the towers be tested annually, which is not a site requirement.

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There are many local, state, and federal agencies responsible for keeping our citizens safe and informed. For further information on cell phone towers, please see a link to a relevant article by the American Cancer Society regarding cell phone tower technology: American Cancer Society Article: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancer-causes/radiation-exposure/cellular-phone-towers.html>. This website cites to the U.S. Federal Communications ("FCC") statement about cellphone towers near homes or schools: "RF emissions from antennas used for cellular and PCS [personal communications service] transmissions result in exposure levels on the ground that are typically thousands of times below safety limits. These safety limits were adopted by the FCC based on the recommendations of expert organizations and endorsed by agencies of the Federal Government responsible for health and safety. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that such towers could constitute a potential health hazard to nearby residents or students."

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If you need any further information, or have questions regarding the towers, we recommend that you contact the respective companies that own the cell towers directly, Sprint and American Tower Corporation.