

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda California

October 14, 2014

Resolution No. 2014-015.32

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING FUTURE PLACEMENT OF CELLULAR
COMMUNICATION FACILITIES ON DISTRICT SCHOOL SITES**

WHEREAS, responding to community concerns regarding the health and safety of our students is a fundamental concern of the Board of Education of the Alameda Unified School District (the “Board”); and

WHEREAS, Section 704 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 preempts local communities from regulating the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio-frequency emissions to the extent that the proposed facilities comply with the Federal Communications Commission regulations concerning such emissions; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the wireless companies to market new wireless services has led to a proliferation of cellular facilities targeting areas near schools; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the Board and District have expressed approval of the Precautionary Principle, which states that the proponents of a potentially dangerous activity should bear the burden of proving that activity’s safety (c.f. District Administrative Regulation 3514.2); and

WHEREAS, in response to community concerns the District is taking steps to remove all cellular telephone antennas currently in place on District school sites; and

WHEREAS, it is this Board’s desire to publicly express its opposition to the future placement of cellular telephone facilities on District school sites;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board petitions the California Environmental Protection Agency to perform the appropriate research and experimentation to determine the effects of the non-ionizing radiation generated by cellular communication facilities on the health of adults and children and, if appropriate, establish a safe level of exposure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board opposes the future placement of cellular communication facilities on District school sites or property until appropriate regulatory standards are adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 14th day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Members:

NOES: Members:

ABSENT: Members:

Margie Sherratt, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District

Attested to: _____

Sean McPhetridge
Secretary of the Board of Education of the Alameda Unified School District