### ACTIVATING the International Children's Declaration

https://www.thechildrensdeclaration.org/





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# Canadian Educators for Safe Technology (CE4ST) National Non-Profit Organization

- National, not-for-profit organization, volunteer-based (teachers, staff, parents, students)
- We support staff and students injured by wireless radiation
- We work closely with EMF experts
- We actively promote optimal balance of health and safe technology in various educational settings (daycare, elementary school, high school, university)

## The International Declaration on the Human Rights of Children in the Digital Age:

- ✓ is expected to generate increased responses to our Calls To Action!
- ✓ will help volunteers effortlessly raise awareness among peer-parents, teachers, and administrators regarding adverse health effects of wireless RF radiation and existing solutions.



### All Levels of Government Protecting School Environments

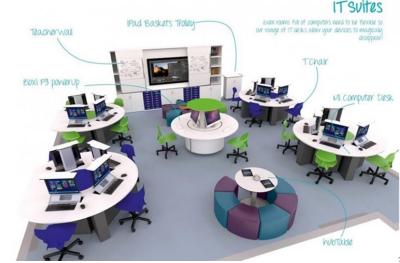


### Advocate concerns and solutions with Local Mayors, Town Councillors, provincial (MPPs), and federal legislators (MPs, Senators):

- Cell tower setbacks for schools, daycares, playgrounds, splashpads
- Annual, long-term assessments, evaluate biological impacts on children
- Annual monitoring of RF levels
- Establish protective guidelines, account for biological effects and children's vulnerabilities
- Wired classrooms, Child-centred IT suites







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The Declaration will assist us: Reduce Non-consensual RF Exposures, Minimize Health Risks, Support Focused

Learning



Best practices for school communities, NGOs, government, public health, ongoing awareness

4 students cardiac arrest

2 students fatal heart failure

1 student 6 weeks before heart surgery, averted surgery when she left the school, home schooled









## The Declaration will help us raise awareness: Ongoing Prevention of Privacy & Health Infractions



RF-emitting headband next to the brain

### RF-emitting headbands can adversely impact health and focus





CE4ST actions raise awareness: unions, school communities, government, public health, NGOs

## Health Canada's Safety Code 6 (SC6): Neglect of duty to accommodate



### Parental Concerns (EHS Disabled Child):

- Limited/no accommodations
- Academically bright EHS students encouraged to seek RF-reduced technical school or home schooling

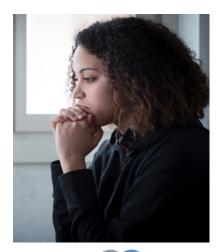


Adaptive, technology (wires) needs to be included in accessibility policies.



### **EHS Student(s) concerns:**

- Cell phones in classrooms
- Isolated from peers
- Wireless assistive devices for other students: Front Row Audio System





# Inadequate Health Guidelines, Work Refusal NOT Taken Seriously 18 Toronto Staff, cell Tower induced symptoms

- Legitimate concerns, cell tower exposures, 18 staff, work refusal
- Staff members' adverse symptoms: migraines; "my feet feel like I'm walking on pebbles"; cancer
- Soccer field: Peak RF level: 1.6 million μW/m2









WHAT ABOUT
THE
CHILDREN?

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# New In-school Health Curriculum: Promoting Safe Tech & Digital Citizenship



- Minister of Education & School Boards: New Provincial Health and Physical Education curriculum: mental health, Safe Tech practices, EMF hygiene.
- School Board Trustees: Digital Citizenship, EHS accommodations (support student achievement, well-being, and equity)
- Board-wide Safe Tech Staff Training
- Administration, whole school: Safe Tech Announcements, Comprehensive Digital Citizenship consent forms/agendas: RF Harms
- Family Safe Tech support programs: Safe Tech Practices, Family Safe Controls (screen time apps), balance mental health, technology use







Canadian Teachers Federation

# Teacher, Staff Unions Solidarity Actions Global Change







• Joint Health and Safety Committees, CTF, OECTA, identifies EMF health risks, workplace

inspections, recommendations

• Safe Tech policy statement: guides Federation actions

- **Political Action, Solidarity Statements:** fundamental rights, free from Addictive devices/platforms/apps, commercial exploitation, child labour
- Right to refuse unsafe work: protects students
- Safe Tech Training and resources: local, provincial Federal
- Motions/resolutions: adopt International Declaration, guide provincial, federal actions



















# Public Health & Safety





#### **Public Health Departments:**

- Workplace Health and Safety
- Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)
- Provincial Public Health Departments
- The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), NGO setting, administering health care national standards via Canada Health Act.
- Canadian Public Health Association, National non-profit

#### **Public Health Education, Mental Health Media Alerts:**

 addiction, depression, anxiety, memory loss, increasing rates of suicide, loss of sleep, learning disorders, irritability, anger, cyberbullying, harassment.









## The Declaration Enables Work with NGOs to End Child Labour Casualties

### Work with non-governmental organizations (NGO's)

- 2021: 4.3 million worldwide
- Major electronic companies, cobalt mining
- As young as 7 yrs.
- Perilous conditions, exposures to chemicals, etc.
- Malnutrition
- Abuse (physical, mental)
- Exhaustion, excessively long hours
- Loss of childhood connections with peers
- Reduced quality of life
- Denial of education and workplace success

### **Non-profit Organizations:**

Amnesty International,
International Initiative to End
Child Labor,
Save the Children,
Global March Against Child Labour,
Stop Child Labor Coalition.



# Encourage Manufacturers & Service Providers: Product Safety & Signal Safety; RF-Reduced, Wired School Environments







### **Help From Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

- RF-reduced, wired schools
- Improved health guidelines, assessment, monitoring
- Regulation of wireless products
- Enhanced product safety



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### Thank You!







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