



## Questions about WiFi in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools

### Summary

- Health Canada and the B.C. Medical Health Officer have stated that there is no risk to human health associated with wireless networks
- Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools has ensured that the wireless devices that are operating in our schools are well within regulatory requirements
- As a district, we are committed to the safe introduction of technologies that offer opportunities for students and teachers

### Background

The Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools District looks to public health professionals to advise it regarding public health issues, or potential public health issues. The major public health bodies in Canada have reported WiFi systems safe (Health Canada and the B.C. Medical Health Officer). The links to their respective website information on the topic:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/radiation/cons/wifi/faq-eng.php>

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pho/issues.html> (scroll down)

While the district recognizes some people will have concerns and point to studies that support their point of view, the district is not qualified, nor does it have the resources to assess these studies. Instead, it must rely on Canadian public health authorities to provide direction, as has been the approach for the district for H1N1, meningitis, flu and any other public health issues.