

## **Responses Provided to LNP Reporter, Alex Geli, on Friday, September 15, 2017**

### **How would the district benefit from this cell tower? I'm guessing it's purely financial, so how much money would Verizon pay the district each year -- \$24,000 correct?**

The contract states that Hempfield School District will receive \$24,000 per year for the cell tower. Additional revenue could be generated if other cellular companies work directly with Verizon to place their cellular antennas on the tower. The district also uses cell phones to communicate to and among employees for work purposes. There are numerous areas across the district that these communications are challenging due to poor wireless service. Additional cell towers should improve coverage and, thus, our ability to communicate with these employees.

### **Is there any way the board's decision could be reversed?**

The district's solicitor has reviewed the current contract with Verizon for the Rohrerstown site. The contract does not provide for unilateral early termination by the District, even if it is determined at some later time that a majority of the board wishes to pursue this direction.

### **How many Lancaster County school districts, of your knowledge, have similar structures? How many of these districts did you speak to? Did they share any problems/concerns with you?**

Dr. Adams conferred with school district superintendents in the IU13. A handful of districts responded in the affirmative that they either have a cell tower or cell antennas on district property or received board approval to pursue placement of towers/antennas on their property. No additional information regarding problems or concerns was shared with Dr. Adams.

### **Could you share the specific specifications of the tower -- how much radiation, etc.? Do you know how it compares to the average cell tower?**

Please reference the attached "Engineering Study" for radio-frequency emission information for the Rohrerstown site. Obviously, this is a very complicated question and the board and district administration continue to review the extensive literature available related to this topic. [On our website](#), you will find citations for resources reviewed by the school board and administration that were found to be particularly important.

### **What happened to the tower approved in 2013?**

10/23/2012: Discussion at Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting about Verizon interest in cell tower on Landisville Campus.

4/16/2013: Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Executive Session on cell tower contract language. Executive session and topic of cell tower contract was captured on published minutes.

5/28/2013: Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Executive Session on cell tower contract language. Executive session and topic of cell tower contract was captured on published minutes.

10/1/2013: Board discussion Verizon lease on-site behind LMS during Board Committee Meeting. Item on voting agenda for following week.

10/8/2013: Board approved Verizon lease agreement for the site behind LMS.

This tower has been on the property behind Landisville Middle School for about two years.

**Did Verizon respond to the letter sent Sept. 7?**

Verizon has not yet responded to the letter sent by the district on Thursday, September 7.