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Re: Press Conference, Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 11am, in front of the Peterborough Public Library,

Parents Against Wi-Fi Gagged by School Board

Peterborough - A group of concerned parents trying to convince their school Board to remained plugged into the internet with cables, instead of switching on risky microwave transmitters and boosters (WiFi), have been effectively silenced by the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board says the parents may not officially address the Board because their intention is to object to the WiFi system.

"This is a democracy, and this is our children's health and future at stake," said Heather Nixon-Kemp, one of the mothers whose application to address the school Board was denied. "How can a school Board take public money, force our children to go to school by law, and then deny listening to us when we don't want our kids subjected to experimental microwave systems?"

"The Board can't proceed with implementing this technology and force parents and children to live with these exposures for thousands of hours a year," said David McRobert, legal counsel to the group. "These decisions about acceptable exposure risks are ones that only parents, guardians or grandparents can make on behalf of their children. A school Board cannot assume this level of risk for children, that's a parent's decision," he said.

Several dozen parents have signed non-consent forms ahead of the Board turning on the WiFi system. Although parents have been denied the right to speak, they will be attending the next school Board Meeting on Thursday April 28 at the Board Office. Kawartha Safe Technology Initiative has written Premier Dalton McGuinty requesting his assistance because these parents want to work with, not against, their School Board.

A Press Conference will be held Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 11:00 am, in front of the Peterborough Public Library, prior to the All Candidates Meeting at noon.

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