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BAY CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Richard Walton
Superintendent of Schools

March 30, 1999

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Portals II, TW-A323
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Docket No. 99-13 RM9428

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the petition before the Federal Communications Commission to move frequency 102.5 FM out of Matagorda County, Texas and move it to Wharton, Texas. As Superintendent of Schools, I do not believe that this move is in the best interest of our community.

Frequency 102.5 FM, as local station KMKS, is an integral part of our Matagorda County Emergency Plan. This plan includes emergency notification for situations at our neighboring nuclear power plant, chemical plants, and for hurricanes and other natural disasters. Additionally, the school district utilizes 102.5 FM and KMKS to broadcast information to our constituents regarding school closings and other information related to those emergencies.

Please allow our county, community and school district to maintain the 102.5 frequency. Any change may confuse some of our constituents and cause a breakdown in the fine emergency communications we currently enjoy.

Sincerely,

Richard Walton
Superintendent of Schools
Bay City Independent School District

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