



# SUPERINTENDENT TOWN HALL

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# Cell Phone Free Schools Policy

Fairview Park City Schools

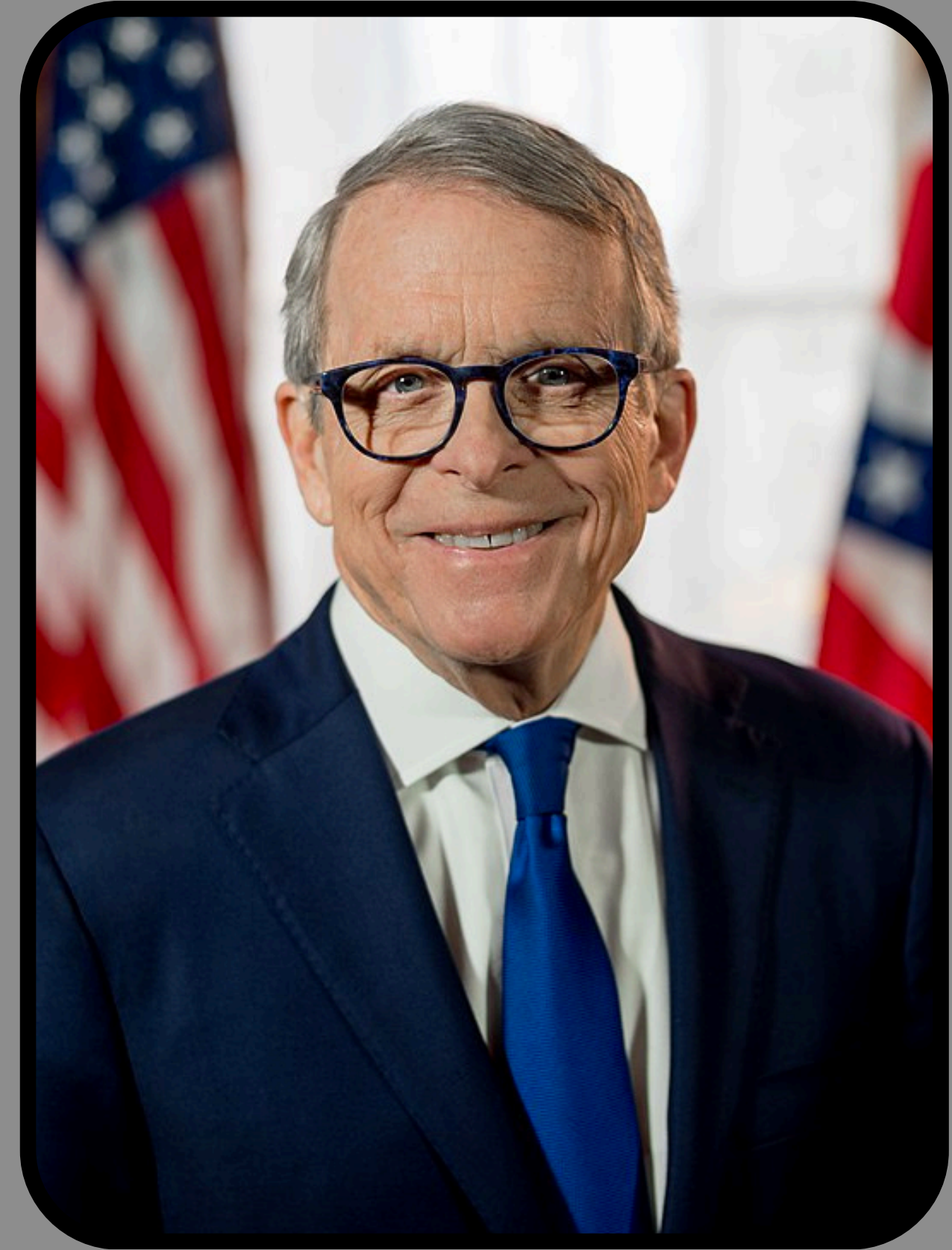
March 18, 2025

Board of Education

Presentation

# HOUSE BILL 250

On May 15, 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 250 into law, requiring all Ohio school districts to establish board policy governing student cell phone usage during school hours. Districts are mandated to adopt these policies by July 1, 2025.



97%

Of Students Use Cell Phones During School, an average of 43 minutes per day, spent primarily on social media, YouTube, and gaming.

Common Sense Media

Photo Citation

## How Cell Phones Impact Student Focus & Mental Health

50% +

of kids get 237 notifications per day



Photo citation

Some receive as many as

4,500

EVERY DAY!

Common Sense Media

Since 2010

134% & 106%

Increase in anxiety

Increase in depression

The Anxious Generation



# BENEFITS OF A PHONE-FREE POLICY

Fewer Distractions

Less Cyberbullying

Fewer Fights and Social Media-related Conflict

Increase Engagement

Improved Attendance

More Reading

Improved Teacher Morale and Retention

More Social and Interactive Lunchrooms

Less Cheating

Less Reported Stress by Students



# IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



**MARCH 19**

Email  
Communication  
to Parents  
Explaining the  
Policy and  
Implementation  
Timeline



**MARCH 21**

Staff Meetings  
on Professional  
Development  
Day to Review  
Policy



**MARCH 24**

Superintendent  
Town Hall  
Presentation



**APRIL 1**

PTA Meeting  
at FHS/LMMS  
to take  
questions  
from parents



**MARCH/  
APRIL**

Communication  
with Students  
about Rationale,  
Expectations,  
and  
Consequences



**APRIL 15**

Second  
Reading on  
Board  
Agenda



**APRIL 28**

Policy Takes  
Effect in all  
Schools,  
pending  
Board  
Approval

# What the Policy Means for Student?

OFF AND AWAY ALL-DAY	UNSTRUCTURED TIMES	RESTROOMS OR LOCKER ROOMS	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
Cell phones must remain off and stored from arrival until dismissal	Cell Phones must remain off and away during all school hours, including unstructured times like lunch and study halls	For privacy and safety reasons, cell phones are prohibited from restrooms and lockerooms	If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian, they should use the main office

# **ENFORCEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY**

**1ST OFFENSE: STAFF  
CONFISCATION OF THE DEVICE.  
IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE  
STUDENT AT THE END OF THE DAY  
FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.**

**3RD OFFENSE: STAFF  
CONFISCATION OF THE DEVICE.  
THE DEVICE MUST BE PICKED UP BY  
A PARENT AT THE SCHOOL AND  
MEET WITH THE PRINCIPAL.**

**2ND OFFENSE: STAFF  
CONFISCATION OF THE DEVICE.  
THE DEVICE MUST BE PICKED UP BY  
A PARENT AT THE SCHOOL.**

**REPEATED OFFENSES:  
PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE WILL BE  
ISSUED, WHICH MAY RESULT IN  
SUSPENSIONS.**

# Evaluation and Next Steps



## GATHER FEEDBACK

Collect feedback from  
staff, students, and  
parents



## ASSESS AND REFINE

Assess and refine  
implementation based  
on feedback



## COMMITMENT

Ensure a strong  
rollout for the 2025-  
2026 School Year

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES A "CELL PHONE-FREE SCHOOL" MEAN?

A cell phone-free school means that students are not allowed to use their phones or internet-connected devices during the school day, including in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and common areas. Phones must be stored off and away in a locker or bookbag and may not be accessed until the end of the school day.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF A STUDENT NEEDS THEIR  
PHONE FOR MEDICAL REASONS?

Accommodations will be made per the  
student's 504/IEP plans

HOW WILL PARENTS COMMUNICATE  
WITH STUDENTS DURING THE DAY?

Parents can call the main office for  
urgent messages

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TYPES OF DEVICES ARE INCLUDED  
IN THE POLICY?

The policy applies to all personal electronic devices, including smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, earbuds, and other communication devices. Classroom technology such as Macbooks and school-issued devices will still be used for instructional purposes.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL? HOW WILL STUDENTS BE INFORMED?

In the event of an emergency, school staff will communicate directly with students through the PA system, classroom announcements, and teacher instructions. Parents will be notified via school communication channels.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN PARENTS OPT THEIR CHILD OUT OF  
THE POLICY?

No. This policy applies to all students to ensure fairness and effectiveness. If a parent has concerns, they should contact the school administration to discuss possible accommodations.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WILL THIS POLICY BE INTRODUCED  
AND COMMUNICATED TO STUDENTS,  
PARENTS, AND STAFF?

The policy will be communicated through  
school newsletters, student assemblies,  
classroom discussions, and parent meetings.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE?

Parents can help by discussing the importance of staying present at school, reinforcing expectations, and ensuring students understand why the policy is in place.

# QUESTIONS & CONCERNS?

**SCAN THIS QR CODE  
TO SUBMIT FEEDBACK  
REGARDING  
POLICY 6.61 -  
STUDENT USE OF CELL  
PHONES IN SCHOOLS**



# Safety & Security Grant Update



Last year, the District received a \$40,000 School Safety and Security Grant to replace and upgrade the three exterior doors at Gilles-Sweet.



The doors were original to the building (2007) and needed to be replaced to enhance functionality and safety.



# Door Upgrades Completed



On February 28, the door installation was completed.



The doors are connected to the card reader system



Laminated glass to add additional protection against breaching



# Gilles-Sweet Playground Project



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**FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**STATE OF THE  
COMMUNITY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

**FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

# QUESTIONS





## Boys Basketball:

CVC Metro Champions for the second year  
in a row

Coach of the Year - Ryan Barry  
Most Valuable Player - Will Allen



## Bowling:

Bryan Wiemels advanced to OHSAA District  
Tournament



### **Girls Basketball:**

5 win improvement and first playoff win in years under new head coach Karen Swanson Haan



### **Swimming:**

14 out of 14 swimmers hit at least one personal record at the OHSAA Sectional Swim Meet



### **Wrestling:**

Nora Mooney qualified for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament

Eight wrestlers qualified for the OHSAA District Tournament



### **Track & Field:**

On top of hosting the Warrior Relays this spring, Fairview will host the Chagrin Valley Conference 2-day Championship Meet



### **Baseball:**

Numbers are at 22 participants, and will try to have a JV team again this spring



### **Softball:**

Unfortunately, we did not have the numbers this spring to have a high school team. We will work to build numbers back through the middle school program

Fairview Stagecrafters and International Thespian Troupe 8671

Production of



Disney's

# THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by

Alan Menken

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater

Book by

Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements

Originally Produced by

Disney Theatrical Productions

## **The Little Mermaid**

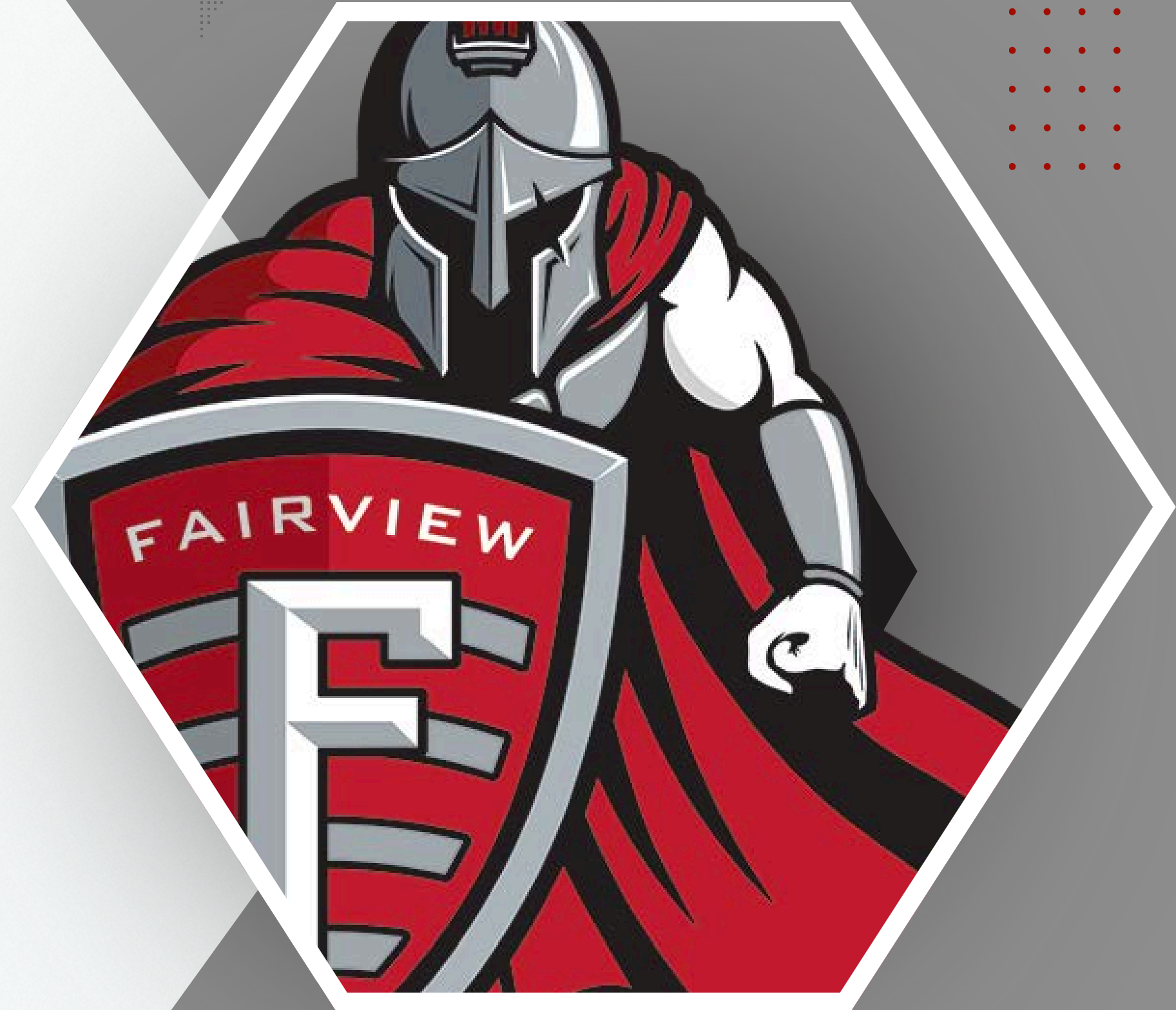
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Friday, March 28, at 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 29, at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 30 at 2 pm

# THANK YOU!



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