



Dear Haldane Families,

On April 28, 2025, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation banning student use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day in all New York State public schools. Known as the “Bell-to-Bell Ban,” this law will take effect in the 2025–26 school year.

The ban includes smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, and similar personal devices that are internet enabled. School-issued devices used for instructional purposes—such as Chromebooks—will still be used. The law is intended to reduce distractions, support focused learning, and promote student mental health and well-being.

In response, the Haldane Board of Education is preparing to adopt Policy 7316: Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day at its Annual Reorganization Meeting on July 1. The draft policy is available on the June 17 Board of Education agenda.

Building principals are working closely with staff to develop clear, age-appropriate procedures for implementation. In the coming weeks, families will receive additional details on how the policy will be applied in each school.

We appreciate your partnership in helping students prepare for this important change. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Preparing for Warmer Weather

As we enter warmer days, we want to assure you that the District has taken steps to maintain the comfort and well-being of students and staff. Across the District, 34 classrooms are now air-conditioned. Installation was prioritized in rooms with the highest historical temperature data, and we plan to expand coverage further next school year.

With high temperatures expected next week, principals will work with faculty and staff to maximize use of our air-conditioned classrooms, as well as the auditorium and library. Fans will also be used to increase air circulation throughout classrooms and hallways.

To help students stay hydrated, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Frequent water breaks will be encouraged.

In addition, please note that hot lunch will not be served on Monday due to the heat. Students will be able to purchase cold lunch options, including salads, sandwiches, and parfaits.

Thank you for your ongoing support with both of these important matters.

Sincerely,

Carl Albano

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Haldane Central School District