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Dear Wallkill Community,

As you may be aware, the budget bill signed into law by Governor Hochul on May 9, 2025, requires all school districts and BOCES to adopt a policy regulating certain smart device use during the school day by August 1, 2025. In response to this new legislation, the district formed a Cell Phone Policy Committee to thoughtfully examine and discuss our current practices and future direction regarding student cell phone use in our schools.

This committee that was formed represents stakeholders from across our district, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, and a board member, all committed to developing a fair policy that complies with the new law.

The committee held its first two (2) meetings on Monday, June 9, and Monday, June 16, 2025, and will continue its work on Monday, June 23, 2025.

Once the policy has been approved by the Board of Education it will be posted on the district website, no later than August 1, 2025. In addition, the district will host a Parent Engagement Night to review the policy and to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions. The Parent Engagement Night will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the high school auditorium. It will also be available via live stream through our district website. The policy will also be reviewed with students on the first day of school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Sincerely,

Anthony White

Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services

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