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Dear Washingtonville CSD Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I want to inform you about important updates to our Personal Electronic Device Policy, established in compliance with Section 2803 of the New York State Education Law. Our goal is to ensure a safe and distraction-free learning environment for all students. Personal electronic devices, including phones, laptops, and smartwatches, are recognized as potential distractions that can reduce student engagement and even interfere with emergency protocols. Therefore, at the elementary level, devices are prohibited and should be left at home. For middle and high school students, devices must be turned off and put away from the time students enter the school building until the end of the school day.

We understand that communication with your children during school hours is essential. In non-emergency situations, parents are asked to communicate with their children through the school office phone or by dropping off written notes. For medical or disability-related exemptions, a request with appropriate documentation from a medical professional must be made to the Building Principal. In emergencies, students may contact parents using a school office phone with administrator approval.

We appreciate your partnership in upholding these new requirements. Our administrative staff and designated employees will be responsible for enforcing this policy, and continued violations may result in consequences under the district's Code of Conduct. By working together, we can foster an optimal learning environment for all students and ensure compliance with state guidelines, including those related to electronic devices during testing.

You may read the new Students and Personal Electronic Devices policy on our website by clicking here.

Sincerely,

Larry Washington
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