



# SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Seaford Harbor School

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Dear Seaford Elementary School Families,

We hope this message finds you well and that you're enjoying a fun and restful summer! As we are preparing for the upcoming school year, we wanted to follow up on a recent letter from our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Adele Pecora, regarding an important update to the district's cell phone and smart device policy, which is now in effect.

In alignment with Governor Hochul's statewide initiative to improve focus and reduce digital distractions in schools, and in accordance with Seaford's Acceptable Use Policy, all students in Grades K-5 will now be required to keep their cell phones, Gizmos Watches, Apple Watches, and other smart devices in their bookbags for the entire school day. Students may also choose to leave these items at home.

Research shows that digital devices in schools can be distracting and impact student learning and social interactions. By storing these devices during the day, we are helping students focus on their learning, build friendships, and enjoy meaningful, screen-free time in school.

We know how important it is for families to stay connected. In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach your child, our main office is always available, and each classroom is equipped with a phone. We will always make sure communication between home and school stays smooth and reliable. If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the main office:

Harbor: 516-592-4100

Manor: 516-592-4080

To ensure that this policy is followed fairly and consistently, we will be reviewing expectations with all students at the beginning of the year at our Code of Conduct assemblies. A ladder of age-appropriate consequences will be in place for students who do not follow the new guidelines.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home and helping your child understand the benefits of being fully present during the school day. Together, we can make this a positive and productive change for our school community.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and connection!

Yours in Seaford Pride,

Mrs. Jennifer Bisulca Mrs. Joann Krudis Mrs. Tara Savage Mr. Rich Schwartz