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**Lin-Wood Public School**

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Dear Parents and Students,

This letter serves as a brief summary of our school's policy regarding **student personal device usage**. For a comprehensive understanding, we encourage you to review policy JIC1, "Unauthorized Communication Devices", the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) document, and listen to our recent podcast on the subject, all of which provide deeper insights into the policy and its alignment with New Hampshire State Law (HB2).

Our school policy outlines **strict regulations** regarding the use of personal communication devices to maintain a **focused learning environment**. It **prohibits students from using personal communication devices** such as **cell phones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, and earbuds** during the **entire school day**, which includes instructional time, lunch periods, passing time, recesses, and field trips. This prohibition is strictly enforced "bell-to-bell".

While bringing these devices to school is discouraged, if students do have them on school grounds, they **must remain powered off** and securely stored in their backpack, handbag, or locker. Please be aware that the **school district is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft** of personal electronic communication devices brought to school.

**Exceptions** to this policy are made for students with documented **medical needs, disabilities requiring a device for learning, or for appropriate language access** as identified in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504 plan, or for ESOL students. These exceptions require a team meeting and must be directly written into the student's plan.

The policy also details **consequences for violations**, which range from a **warning and confiscation of the device** for the remainder of the day for a first offense to **confiscation and parental pickup** of the device for second and subsequent offenses. If this policy is violated more than two times, the Code of Conduct will be implemented up to and including the student not being allowed to bring a personal communication device to school.

We appreciate your cooperation in upholding this policy to ensure a productive and safe educational environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steady  
Superintendent

Mr. Stivali  
Principal

Mrs. Youngheim  
Asst. Principal