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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the current school year is fast approaching. I want to make families aware that effective September 1, 2026, the Ewing Township School District (ETSD) will implement a bell-to-bell cell phone ban in all schools, consistent with New Jersey law signed by former Governor Murphy in January 2026. This prohibition includes cell phones and other connected personal devices, such as smart watches, smart glasses, and earbuds.

While specific procedures, expectations, and consequences will be outlined in our student handbooks and shared with families at the start of the school year, we wanted to provide advance notice so students and parents can begin preparing now for this important transition.

Our goal is not simply to restrict technology, but to create learning environments where students are fully present, engaged with their teachers and classmates, and able to focus on learning without the constant distractions and pressures that often accompany social media and online influences. We believe this change will support stronger academic outcomes, healthier peer interactions, and improved student well-being.

We ask for your partnership and support in helping our students adjust to this expectation. By working together, we can help young people develop healthy boundaries with technology and rediscover the value of being present in the moment during the school day.

As we close out another successful year, let us finish strong and celebrate the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for your continued support of the Ewing Township School District, and I wish all of our families a safe, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Gentile
Superintendent

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