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Re: Implementation of Cell Phone Ban in Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the revisions to Board Policy and Regulation 5516 (Student Use of Personal Internet-Enabled Devices) for the 2026–2027 school year.

As you know, the updated policy and regulation will address students' use of personal internet-enabled devices, define key terms, and set expectations for use on school grounds, on school buses, and at school-sponsored events. District-issued technology and district-managed platforms will continue to be used for instruction. Under the general rule, students will be prohibited from using personal internet-enabled devices on school grounds. Subject to case-by-case approval, limited exceptions will be permitted consistent with State and federal law, including, but not limited to, accommodations provided in a student's IEP or 504 Plan, or a student health plan established to monitor or address a student's health condition.

The revised Board Policy and Regulation 5516 was set to go before the Board for adoption at the August 27, 2026, meeting. However, as the August 27, 2026, Board meeting was canceled, Board Policy and Regulation 5516 will instead go before the Board for adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Because we are required by law to implement changes to Board Policy and Regulation 5516 by the start of the school year, the Board's adoption of Board Policy and Regulation 5516 will apply retroactively to the start of the school year.

To ensure our community is aware of the expectations concerning cell phone use at the start of the school year, a copy of the proposed Board Policy and Regulation 5516 is being provided to you now. Should the Board make changes to Board Policy and Regulation 5516 before adoption, we will provide an additional update.

We appreciate your partnership in promoting safe, focused, and respectful learning environments for all students.

Sincerely,

9/2/2026

Dr. David A. Roman
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures: Proposed Policy and Regulation 5516