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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As your building administrators, Mr. DeSantis and I are responsible for maintaining a safe and secure environment that is conducive to learning. In order to accomplish this goal on a daily basis, we believe it is important to remove sources of potential danger and distraction from our students. One such source of potential danger and distraction is cell phones.

As you will see in the district calendar, the section that addresses cell phone use has been revised. In short, students will only be allowed to use cell phones for educational, teacher-directed purposes during the school day while they are on school grounds. At all other times, students will be expected to store their cell phones in their lockers or backpacks during the school day.

This change of practice will not only help to prevent students from engaging in unnecessary and inappropriate communication during the school day, it will also help maintain a safer environment. The students will continue to receive lessons about the dangers of inappropriate electronic communication and how it can lead to cyber bullying and the potential consequences of that type of behavior. Additionally, students will also learn that it is potentially unsafe to use their phones to contact parents during emergency drills or actual emergency events as this can cause inaccurate information to be shared and create panic in the community. In the event of an actual emergency, communication to the community will come from the main office and/or from the local police department.

Finally, we recognize that there will be the need for students to make an occasional phone call to a parent for various reasons. When this happens, students will be expected to make calls from either the main office or from the nurse's office.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please do not hesitate to call us.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Principal/Superintendent

Joshua DeSantis
Assistant Principal