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Dear Elementary Families,

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we want to take a moment to reinforce our district's expectations regarding cell phones and personal electronic devices in elementary school. In alignment with our District Code of Conduct and Governor Hochul's Distraction-Free Learning Initiative, all elementary schools will be implementing a **cell phone and internet-enabled personal device policy** starting this fall.

Why are we making this change?

Cell phones and other internet-enabled devices can be disruptive to the learning environment. At the elementary level, we've seen an increase in distraction, inappropriate use of devices during the school day, and student conflicts that stem from access to social media and messaging apps. Our goal is to foster a safe, respectful, and focused environment where students can thrive academically and socially.

What is the policy?

- **All internet-enabled devices** (cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, etc.) must be **turned off and stored in students' backpacks** during the entire school day.
- If a student is found using a device during the school day, they will be asked to turn it off and place it in their backpack.
- **Repeated violations** will result in the collection of the device, and the parent or guardian will need to come to the school to pick it up.

What does this mean for families?

- We understand that some families choose to provide their children with devices for communication or safety. However, we respectfully ask that families help us enforce this policy by reminding students to keep their devices away during the school day.
- We also encourage families to closely monitor their child's online activity and use of platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, Snapchat, and Google Search. By working together, we can help children develop responsible digital habits and a respectful online presence.

Working together

- As a school community, we are committed to promoting kindness, respect, and safety—in the classroom, on the playground, and online. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping us provide a positive and distraction-free learning environment for all Lynbrook students.

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