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Dear Mason Families,

We hope you and your family are enjoying the remainder of your summer. As we prepare to welcome students back for another great school year, we'd like to share an important update regarding student use of personal electronic devices during the school day.

Beginning September 8, 2026, Mason Consolidated Schools will implement an updated Student Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices policy. Our goal is simple: to create classrooms where students are focused, engaged, and able to learn in a safe, respectful environment.

This update aligns with Public Act 2 of 2026, signed by Governor Whitmer, which requires Michigan school districts to limit student use of wireless communication devices during instructional time. It also reflects what many districts across our state have already implemented with positive results, including increased student engagement, improved behavior, and fewer classroom distractions.

Because every Mason student has access to a district-issued Chromebook or laptop, students have the technology they need for learning without relying on personal devices during class.

What to Expect

During instructional time, students are expected to keep personal electronic devices, including cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, headphones, tablets, and camera/AI smart glasses, powered off or silenced and out of sight. Cell phones will be placed in the classroom's designated clear storage pouch unless a teacher authorizes their use for instructional purposes. Parents/guardians of students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan requiring access to a device will work with their child's principal to determine how to meet those appropriate accommodations.

- **Elementary School:** Students should keep cell phones put away throughout the school day and are encouraged to leave them at home whenever possible.
- **Middle and High School:** Students may continue to use their phones during passing periods and lunch. We believe this balanced approach protects instructional time while allowing reasonable access during non-instructional periods.



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As we implement this policy, we will continue to evaluate its effectiveness in creating a more focused and safer learning environment. If adjustments become necessary, we will communicate those changes with families.

In the event of a school emergency, students will have access to their phones to communicate with parents or guardians under the direction of school staff.

Partnering for Student Success

We understand this change may take some adjustment, and we appreciate your partnership in helping students understand these expectations. Students who do not follow the policy will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Our focus is on teaching responsible decision-making and maintaining a positive learning environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support of Mason Consolidated Schools. By working together, we can ensure our classrooms remain places where students are engaged, connected, and able to do their very best. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school office.

We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli A. Tuller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli Tuller
Superintendent
Mason Consolidated Schools