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Dear 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

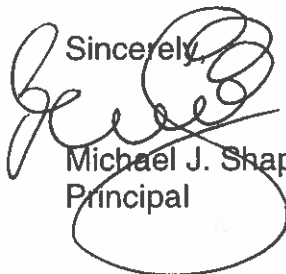
In an effort to mitigate many of the negative effects we were seeing from in-school usage of cell phones, School 30 will continue the cell phone procedure put into place during the 2023-2024 school year. Beginning in September, teachers will collect student cell phones at the start of each day and return them at the end of the day. Cell phones will be locked in a bin and will be placed in a secure location.

We understand that cell phones are an important communication tool for many of our students who are traveling to and from school each day. While we respect parents' decisions regarding cell phone usage outside of school, we strongly discourage usage at school. Evidence has shown that cell phones are a major distraction in the classroom; lead to unnecessary disciplinary actions; and can cause interactions and events that make students feel uncomfortable.

School 30 prides itself on being proactive not reactive, and our hope is that this procedure will not only create a better learning environment for your children, but one where students feel safe, accepted, and able to reach their full potential without the pitfalls of technology.

You are always able to contact the main office to reach your child in the event of an emergency, and your child is always able to call you from the main office with any important information. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping execute this procedure.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Shapiro
Principal