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To: Junior High Parents

In response to an increased number of cyber bullying and inappropriate use of cell phones during school time over the last few weeks, I met with all junior high students on Monday, March 12 to brainstorm solutions. Over the week students met with their teachers to problem solve this situation.

As a result of student feedback and staff discussion, starting Tuesday, March 20, the following changes will occur:

- Personal devices include cell phones, iphones or tablets. They do not include Chromebooks.
- Personal devices will ONLY be permitted during the two nutrition breaks per day and before the first bell in the morning.
- Personal devices are to remain locked in student lockers with the exception of the above times. They may not be on a student's person during class time.
- Headphones are required for each student at HET. They should continue to be brought to class but only used with permission from the teacher.
- A small number of locks will be available at the office for purchase or rental of \$5 (rental \$ returned when lock is returned in good condition).

Consequence

1. First - personal device will remain with the teacher until the end of the day
2. Second - personal device will remain at the office until the end of day, parents will be contacted
3. Third - personal device will have to be check in at the office each morning, and it will be returned at the end of the day. Parents will be contacted

Helen E Taylor will publish on their Facebook page over the next week tips, stats, and guidelines for use of personal devices. The research is staggering for the amount of time and types of material youth are exposed to everyday. We are working with various partners such as FCSS and the RCMP to bring in information for both students and parents regarding the emotional and legal consequences of inappropriate use.

During the week of April 9-13, I will again meet with students to gather feedback on these changes. This is only the beginning of the conversation regarding personal device use. Should you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jen Clevette, Principal

