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TO: Parents/Guardians and Students of Lunenburg County Public Schools

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SUBJECT: Cell Phone on School Property During SOL Testing

DATE: March 1, 2023

The Standards of Learning (SOL) Non-Writing testing will begin in Lunenburg County Public Schools on May 1, 2023 and will continue through May 24, 2023. In order to maintain a secure, valid, and reliable testing environment in each school, students and parents are reminded the Lunenburg County Public Schools' Code of Student Conduct prohibits cell phones and other electronic devices usage (including wearable technology) on school property during school hours. Adherence to the Lunenburg County Public Schools policy guidelines is especially important during the administration of the SOL tests.

SOL testing requires strict confidentiality and security protocol in order to meet state regulations. Therefore, please be aware that any cell phone or electronic device (including wearable technology) found in a student's possession during SOL testing will be considered as a form of cheating on the SOL test. A charge of cheating during an SOL assessment results in a "0" (zero) final test score and thus, renders the student's final score as "did not pass" or failing. Please refer to page 24 of the Standards of Student Conduct for additional consequences of possession of cell phones or other electronic devices.

It is our goal to be proactive in sending you this communication in hopes of keeping all students in school during our administration of the SOL tests. The school system is seeking your assistance and cooperation in making this request to insure that cell phones are off and out-of-sight during the school day.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for giving this matter your <u>daily</u> attention.

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