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New Cell Phone Regulation at Greenwich High School

Dear Members of the Greenwich High School Community:

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, Greenwich High School will implement a cell phone free school day for all students.

To be clear and transparent, once students arrive on campus--whether by bus, car, or on foot--they must turn off or silence their cell phones and wearable communication devices and store them in their backpacks or lockers. These devices may not be used **at any time** during the school day or anywhere on our 54-acre campus until dismissal at 2:25 p.m. Once the dismissal bell rings, students may use their devices in any area (with the exception of bathrooms/locker rooms) of the building or on campus.

To support students during this transition, reminders will be provided during morning announcements and throughout the opening weeks of school. If a student is observed using a cell phone or wearable communication device during the school day, the device will be confiscated. Consequences for repeated violations are outlined in the *Greenwich High School Student Code of Conduct* and will be applied consistently by the administration.

Last June, the Greenwich Board of Education voted to establish device-free learning environments in all district schools and directed the Superintendent to work collaboratively with the Greenwich High School Leadership Team to implement this expectation at the high school.

This decision was made after careful consideration of the growing body of research regarding the impact of personal electronic devices on learning, student engagement, and well-being. Cell phones have become one of the greatest distractions in today's classrooms, often interrupting instruction, reducing students' ability to focus, and limiting meaningful interactions with peers and teachers. By removing these distractions during the school day, we hope to create an environment in which students are more engaged in their learning, communicate more effectively with one another, and develop stronger interpersonal relationships.

We also recognize the increasing influence of social media and the constant stream of notifications that compete for students' attention. Providing students with a school day free from these distractions allows them to be fully present in their classes, activities, and conversations while supporting their overall well-being.

Parents and guardians who need to contact their child during the school day should call the student's House Office. A staff member will promptly notify the student, who may return the call using a telephone in the House Office. Telephones are also available in classrooms and other offices throughout the building when needed.

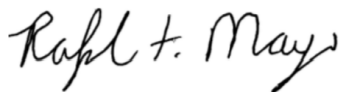
Students with documented medical needs or accommodations that require access to a personal electronic device will continue to have access in accordance with their approved plan.

Schools across Connecticut and throughout the country that have implemented similar expectations consistently report that, after an initial adjustment period, student engagement increases, classroom distractions decrease, and the overall climate and culture of the school improve significantly. We are confident that this change will have a similarly positive impact at Greenwich High School.

We appreciate the support of our students, families, faculty, and staff as we implement this important initiative. Working together, we can create an environment where students are fully engaged in learning, build stronger personal connections, and continue the tradition of excellence that defines Greenwich High School.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph F. Mayo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ralph F. Mayo
Principal
Greenwich High School