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Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you a new initiative at our school that we believe will contribute significantly to the learning environment and your child's educational experience.

Starting March 19, 2024, we are implementing Yondr, a device management solution designed to promote focused learning and reduce distractions in the classroom. Yondr utilizes a secure pouch system to temporarily store students' electronic devices during the school day, ensuring that they are fully engaged with the educational material and their peers.

The key benefits of implementing Yondr at our school include:

- **Enhanced Focus:** By temporarily removing electronic devices, students can concentrate better on lessons, discussions, and activities, fostering a more productive and immersive learning experience.
- **Reduced Distractions:** Yondr helps create a distraction-free environment, minimizing the temptation to check phones or other devices during instructional time. This, in turn, promotes a more effective and efficient learning process.
- **Improved Social Interaction:** With fewer digital distractions, students have the opportunity to engage more actively with their peers and teachers, fostering stronger connections and a more collaborative classroom atmosphere.
- **Promoting Healthy Habits:** Yondr encourages a balanced approach to technology use, promoting healthy habits both inside and outside the classroom. It reinforces the importance of face-to-face communication and active participation in the learning process.

While Yondr aims to enhance the educational experience by limiting device use during school hours, we understand that there may be instances where you need to reach your child during the day or in emergencies. Here's how you can do so:

- School Office: You can contact our school office during regular business hours, and our staff will assist in relaying messages to your child.
- Emergency Contacts: Ensure that your emergency contact information is up-to-date in our records. In case of emergencies, we will prioritize communication through these contacts to ensure a swift response.

Attached is a copy of our new phone policy incorporating the use of Yondr. We encourage you to discuss the implementation of Yondr with your child, emphasizing the positive impact it can have on their educational experience. We believe that this initiative aligns with our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. We appreciate your support and look forward to a successful implementation of Yondr at our school.

Sincerely,

Dewaine Lee  
Superintendent