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Dear Families,

This year we will continue to make our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning.

Personal cellular phones, iPads, and other handheld electronic devices are not to be used in the building. We will continue to use the YONDR system that we started last year. Yondr has been implemented in over 2,000 schools across 16 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment. We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Parents who need to contact their children during the school day in emergency situations may do so by calling the Main Office. If students need to access their cell phone, they will be able to do so in any dean, guidance or assistant principal's office under supervision.

We are operating with a three-strikes policy when it comes to the use of cell phones.

- **1st strike** – a warning will be provided to the student if they are observed with their cell phone outside of the pouch during the school day.
- **2nd strike** – the device will be taken away and given back to the student at the end of the day.
- **3rd strike** – the device will be taken away, a parent will be contacted, and the device will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

We look forward to a year where students can be present, focused and not distracted by electronic devices. We know that with your continued support, this will be a successful program. If you have any questions, please contact your grade dean. By signing below you acknowledge the implementation of our new Yondr cell phone policy.

With Seth Low PRIDE,

Eileen Herusso

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name: _____ Contact number: _____

I understand the new Yondr cell phone policy.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____