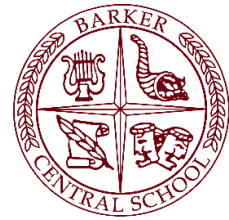


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RE: New York State Cell Phone Ban

Dear Barker Learning Community:

As you may have heard, Governor Kathy Hochul enacted a law recently which is a bell-to-bell restriction on the use of personally-owned internet-enabled devices by students during the school day on school grounds. The ban affects cell phones and any device capable of connecting to the internet. The District therefore must create a policy aimed to ensure that students remain focused on their academic responsibilities through the school day, which includes all instructional and non-instructional periods such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

As such, I am reaching out to all stakeholders for input on the policy creation process through the means of a survey on the school website. The draft policy will be provided for your review and there will be specific areas of the policy in particular that we are asking for feedback. The policy will also address exceptions to the ban based on authorization for specific reasons.

Here is the link to the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGuGRaxGRC2TcSRj5_U59EFSy9S95c-OoX_Er9h_stHcJkAg/viewform?usp=header

It is important that you take a moment to read the draft policy and provide input. The survey will also enable the District the opportunity to address any concerns stakeholders may have regarding the ban, and well as develop the best policy for the Barker Central School District.

Thanking you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JL Reimer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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