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Dear Churchill Families,

Recently signed legislation **(P.L.2025, c.195)** requires school districts in the State of New Jersey to adopt bell to bell policies prohibiting students non-academic usage of cell phones and personal internet enabled devices during the school day with certain exceptions. The local bell to bell policies are required to be aligned to the NJDOE guidance. This will include school sponsored events off of school grounds supervised by school staff members (ex. field trips), extracurricular activities/clubs, as well as on the bus coming to the school campus and on the way home. Each student who brings an internet enabled device to school will be required to turn it off and store it in their backpack or locker. Contacting home at any point throughout the school day if needed can be done in the Main Office.

Along with the bell to bell internet enabled device mandate, school districts are required to put tiered consequence measures in place to counter any violations. Here are the steps we will take:

Internet Enabled Device Offenses

Offense	**Consequence**
• First Offense	-Student leaves device in the Main Office until the end of the day where it can be picked up -Parents/Guardians are notified
• Second Offense	-Parent/Guardian needs to pick up the device in the Main Office-(Parent/Student Conference)
• Third Offense	-Afterschool Detention (1 day)
• Fourth Offense	-Progressive Discipline measures including but not limited to multiple Afterschool Detentions and/or In-School Suspension

Please see **Regulation/Policy 5516** for more information. While this will be an adjustment for everyone, this is NJDOE guidance that we **must** follow. Please make sure to have a discussion with your child in regards to these specifications. I will be meeting with the students over the first couple of days to discuss this as well. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we navigate these protocols together.

In Partnership,

Mr. Majocha