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Dear Sanford School Department Families,

This past spring, Governor Janet Mills signed *An Act to Ban Cellular Telephones from Public School Classrooms* into law, requiring all public schools to prohibit student use of cell phones, smartwatches, and other personal electronic devices for the entire school day, from the first bell through dismissal, effective August 1, 2026. This statewide mandate applies to every public school district in Maine and reflects growing research on the distractions that personal devices create in the learning environment, as well as the negative impacts that constant connectivity can have on student mental health and focus.

In response, the Sanford School Department has been working to develop updated policy, procedures, and clear expectations for all students. The School Committee held an initial workshop on this topic on May 18 and will continue discussing the new law and reviewing proposed policy and procedures at their upcoming meeting on Monday, June 15 at 6:00 PM in City Hall Chambers.

Additional information will be shared with families later this summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Matt Nelson
Superintendent of Schools