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THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO ALL FAMILIES VIA FINAL FORMS.

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Dear Parents and Students,

In my 2023-2024 Welcome Letter, I made the following statement:

*This year, **LC Middle School students will NOT be permitted to carry their cell phones during school hours.** This includes during lunch as well. Cell phones must be turned off and stored in their locker during the school day. Since every student is issued a Chromebook, cell phones are no longer needed in the classroom for educational purposes.*

Clarification of this cell phone rule and consequences for violating this rule are as follows:

Before students enter the building, they must turn their cell phones completely off (not on silent or vibrate mode) and place them in their backpacks. If a student does not have a backpack, I encourage them to get one as having the device in their pocket may be grounds for disciplinary action. The cell phone must remain in the backpack and in their locker for the entire school day. Students are not permitted to take their cell phones to lunch or anywhere else in the school building during school hours. Each student has a school issued Chromebook which provides the necessary internet access for any and all required educational activities and tasks within the classroom setting.

If a student is seen during the school day with a cell phone, whether it is on or off, the cell phone will be confiscated and taken to the office. On this first offense, the student may retrieve their cell phone from the office at the end of the school day.

The second time a student violates this cell phone rule, the cell phone will be confiscated and taken to the office. I will notify the parent of the student and the

parent will be asked to pick up the cell phone from the school office at their convenience.

Finally on the third offense, the cell phone will be confiscated, the parent will be asked to pick up the phone from the school office and the student will be given a 2 hour Saturday school detention.

If a student continues to violate this cell phone rule, consequences may include, but are not limited to, additional Saturday school detentions, ISS (In-School Suspension), or OSS (Out of School Suspension).

During the first day of school, teachers will go over the specifics of this cell phone rule and the consequences with students. Students will be given the opportunity to clarify their questions and concerns with teachers, as well as myself.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this cell phone rule or the consequences for violating the rule, I encourage you to reach out to me. If you need to contact your student during the school day, please do so by calling the middle school office. I realize that many students may be upset by this new cell phone rule. However, I believe that creating an environment free from distractions and focused on learning is what is best for students. I hope you will support me in this effort.

Thank you,
Mrs. Angela Godby
Principal
Lynchburg-Clay Middle School