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Dear Marathon Families:

We want to let you know about an important change regarding the use of internet-enabled devices—like cell phones, smartwatches, and tablets—during the school day. Starting in the 2025–2026 school year, our school district will follow a new rule from New York State to help students focus better in class.

Key Points:

- When the Rule Starts: This new rule will begin on the first day of school in September 2025.
- What the Rule Says: Students will not be allowed to use internet-enabled devices during the school day. This includes all class time, lunch, study halls, and between classes.

Where to Keep Devices:

- Grades PK-6: Students should store their devices in the lock box provided.
- Grades 7–12: Students will keep their device safe and secure in their lockers during the day.
- Exceptions: There are some situations where students can use their devices per district approval, such as for medical reasons, translation help, or if it's part of their learning plan.
- Contacting Students: If you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the school office.

More Information:

• The policy (#7316) is currently available on our website.

We appreciate your support as we work together to create a better learning environment for all students. Please look out for more information from your child's school later this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Jamie M. Coppola Superintendent