MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2025

TO: All Principals

FROM: Dr. Micheal A. Lewis, Deputy Superintendent Office of School Leadership and Performance

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE REGARDING STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES (WCDs)

In accordance with House Bill 1105 (HB 1105), the District has established updated procedures regarding Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) for the 2025–2026 school year. Per these guidelines, students in grades K–8 are prohibited from using WCDs during the school day. Limited exceptions apply only in designated areas with administrative approval or when authorized by a documented disability accommodation plan or medical necessity.

High school students (grades 9–12) may use WCDs during the school day but are not permitted to use them during instructional time unless directed to do so by a teacher solely for educational purposes. Additionally, it should be noted that WCDs, as defined in the policy, are separate from "instructional mobile devices" issued by the District or permitted through the bring-your-own-device (BYOD) program. These instructional devices remain permissible for educational use during class time.

Sites are required to communicate this information clearly with students and families, including through student orientations, school websites, and handbooks. Guidance regarding exemption procedures for students with qualifying needs will be disseminated in a separate communication.

Should you have any questions regarding the implementation of these procedures, please contact your respective Region Office.

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