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Subject: District Cell Phone Policy
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One year after a cellphone ban, an N.B. high school principal is seeing results

Good afternoon, Trustees,

I have been informed the Ministry is soon going to be requiring Districts to have a cell phone policy as part of a district-wide code of conduct. The article above demonstrates the successes realized when cell phones are no longer allowed in classrooms.

To date, our district has left this matter to individual schools who in turn, have left the matter to individual classroom teachers to determine and enforce. This creates division within schools which has the potential to undermine the wishes of many teachers who do not want to create friction with parents.

The COTA is calling on you, our elected officials, to develop a district wide cell phone policy that will eliminate personal cell phone use in classrooms. This is not an operational matter - policies guide administrators as to what Trustees expect. As such it really is a governance matter - the operational end of things is left to district officials to enforce your wishes as they are outlined in your policies.

I thank you, in advance, for giving this request your careful and immediate attention.

Yours truly,
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