



Letter from the Office of the
Superintendent

August 23, 2024

Dear caregivers,

Earlier this year, the province introduced a mandate requiring all public school boards in BC to include one or more statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices in their code of conduct.

As a school district, we recognize there are a wide variety of reasons families may choose or not choose for their children to have cellphones and personal digital devices at school and that devices have a variety of uses within classrooms as well.

The district's approach to personal digital devices is centered around research that suggests that restricting the use of personal digital devices at school leads to improved student wellness and academic focus.

Over the school year, the district will be working to collaborate with students, teachers, and caregivers to create guidelines supporting student learning and wellness in relation to personal digital devices.

Consideration will be given to:

- accessibility and accommodation needs;
- medical and health needs;
- equity to support learning environments.

We will continue to provide updates on school personal digital device information as it becomes available.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Tait".

Laura Tait
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