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Dear Parents/Guardians

We need your SUPPORT! We have had an influx of cell phone violations by our students and wanted the parents to be aware/reminded of the Mohonasen Central School District cell phone policy as set forth by the Code of Conduct.

We would like to reiterate the current guidelines for Draper Middle School:

- No student cell phones should be **visible** at any time during the hours of 7:38 am -2:11 pm. Students may use the cell phones in the hallways after 2:11 p.m. but not in Detention or Sports Study Hall.
- If the cell phone goes off in class (including texting) or it is visible, the phone will be taken and kept in a secure location the Main Office. We have had cases where parents/guardians are calling their students during the day and this has caused **major disruption to the learning environment**. Please go through the Main Office in order to contact your son or daughter.

If a staff member sees electronic devices during times when they are prohibited, they will be taken, placed in a designated envelope, labeled, and sent to the Main Office. Mrs. Cappello will keep them securely locked in the office. For the first offense, students may pick up the device at the end of the school day.

For all subsequent offenses, the student's parent will be required to pick up the device from the Main Office during normal business hours. Students who refuse to turn in electronic devices when asked will be subject to the more serious infraction of insubordination.

We would appreciate you reviewing this policy with your child so that we can get back to the business of education without distraction. We recognize the importance of these devices in our daily lives and for emergencies and we want to work with you, but students need to understand that there are guidelines, along with the responsibilities of carrying a cell phone.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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