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Dear Michelle Obama Patriot Partners,

We hope that your child has had a safe, fun, and restful Spring Break! We look forward to seeing their smiling faces in school tomorrow, prepared and ready to learn. The policies, procedures, and expectations outlined below will assist us in continuing to create an environment where each and every child can experience academic success. As we prepare for the remainder of the school year, please review the following with your child/children:

- Students of Michelle Obama School are expected to follow the [PBIS Expectations of being a R.E.A.L Patriot](#) at all times during the school day; including but not limited to classrooms, outside school campus, cafeterias, bathrooms, hallways, and buses:
 - **Respect** – If you expect to receive it, you have to give it. Keep all hands, feet, objects and unkind words to yourself.
 - **Excellence** – Plan for success, be better than your best. Excellence is a habit, not a characteristic.
 - **Accountability** – Choices we make are ultimately our responsibility. Do what is right when no one is looking.
 - **Leadership** – *Know* the way, *go* the way, and *show* others the way.
- Students are prohibited from using electronic devices, except as outlined in the [2021-22 Parent/Student Handbook](#) (p.15). An electronic device includes, but is not limited to, the following: cell phone, smart phone, audio or video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), iPod, iPad, smart watch, laptop computer, tablet computer or other similar electronic devices.

During instructional time, including class periods and passing periods, electronic devices must be kept powered-off and in their assigned locker. Devices may never be used in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, violates student conduct rules or violates the rights of others; including (1) photographs or videos in classrooms or locker rooms; (2) cheating; and (3) creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction or non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images. The school and school district are not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage to any electronic device brought to school.

A student is subject to disciplinary action for using or possessing an electronic device. Please review the Parent/Student Handbook for additional information regarding possible consequences.

- All 8th grade students are required to wear leadership apparel to school, daily. Leadership apparel consists of khaki or navy blue colored uniform pants, khaki or navy blue colored uniform skirt and a white collared polo or button down shirt. **Black pants and leggings are not student leadership apparel.** Students are required to wear Leadership cardigans every Wednesday with a red tie, cross tie, or pearls. Cardigans can be worn Monday-Friday if students feel cold inside of the building. Sweatshirts, with or without hoods, are not permissible in hallways or classrooms. Blue jeans or dark blue jeans are not considered Leadership apparel. Students will be asked to remove additional jackets and sweatshirts. These items should be stored in student lockers. Prohibited items will be confiscated if worn in the classroom and/or hallways. Items can be signed out by a parent in the main office. Please review the [8th grade Leadership Apparel Letter](#) for detailed information.

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- For the continued safety of our school community, students are not permitted to place or receive orders from outside delivery services, including but not limited to Door Dash, Uber Eats, and Grub Hub. Students should bring their lunch with them to school or they may have a school provided hot meal. In the event of an emergency, a parent or guardian may bring a child’s lunch to the main office.

Please review this pertinent information with your child/children prior to arriving at school tomorrow. A shared vision of an **excellent** school climate and culture will help us all achieve our District’s goals. We appreciate, in advance, your support and willingness to partner with us. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with us.

Rising to excellence,

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