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Greetings Michelle Obama Families,

As we are nearing the end of the first quarter of the 2021-2022 year, I thought it was important for me to communicate a reminder about student behavioral expectations for a few areas of concern. The first is the importance of students wearing face masks properly. Students are expected to wear masks when they are on the school campus and on the school bus. This is not optional. The mask should always cover their nose and mouth unless they are eating or drinking. Once students have finished eating or drinking, they must put their mask back on and continue to wear them properly. This is for the safety of all our students, faculty, and staff. Please remind your student of this behavioral expectation.

The second area of concern is the use of electronic devices that disrupt the educational environment, violate student conduct rules, or violate the rights of others. Our district's electronic device policy is on page 12 of the 2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook. It is imperative that you review this policy with your student. (Parent/Student Handbook pg. 15, 2021-2022)

A student is subject to disciplinary action for using or possessing an electronic device. Students in violation of this procedure are subject to the following consequences:

First Offense- The device will be confiscated by school personnel. A verbal warning will be assigned. The student will receive the device back at the end of the day in the school office.

Second Offense- The device will be confiscated by school personnel. A detention will be assigned. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office.

Third Offense- The device will be confiscated by school personnel. A detention will be assigned. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office. Additionally, the student will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the next 10 school days. If the student is found in possession of the device during this 10- day period, the student will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the remainder of the school year. The student will also face consequences for insubordination.

Fourth Offense- The device will be confiscated by school personnel. The student will be assigned a detention and will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the remainder of the school year. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office. The student will also face consequences for insubordination.

The third area of concern is the destruction of school property. There have been several Tik-Tok challenges encouraging students to damage school property. We take immense pride in providing an excellent educational environment for our students to excel in. We want to keep our educational environment in excellent condition. Please stress the importance of maintaining the excellent condition of our school with your student(s). We need your student's assistance in helping to keep our learning environment in excellent condition.

Damage to school Property

Students who maliciously deface, damage, or destroy any school or bus property are subject to consequences. Parents will be assessed the real market value of the property destroyed and are expected to make remuneration. (Parent/Student Handbook pg. 12, 2021-2022)

The fourth area of concern is the use and possession of illegal substances and vaping. The district has enacted a Drug Free Schools and Workplace policy. This policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution,

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dispensation, possession, or use of drugs and alcohol on school district property or during school sponsored activities. (Parent/Student Handbook pg. 13, 2021-2022) It is particularly important that you remind your student of this policy and that they adhere to it. Violation of any aspect of the policy will render students subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, expulsion and/or referral for prosecution.

We thank you for partnering with us as we provide a high-quality education for all students. It is important that our students are reminded of the behavioral expectations and that they adhere to them. Thank you for your support in addressing these concerns.

Regards,

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