

November 6, 2013

CURRICULUM / ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: **LATINSKI**, Galella, Toole

TO: The President and Members of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board.

The Curriculum/Administration Committee respectfully submits the following report and recommendations:

1. That approval be given to the following policy:

ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

It is the policy of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District to be committed to ensuring that every student is provided a safe, nondisruptive environment in which to learn. Therefore, the District has enacted a policy that prohibits the use of all electronic devices.

POSSESSION OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES

The possession of cellular telephones shall be allowed in schools. All students shall have cellular telephones out of sight and turned off. The use of cellular telephones is prohibited. Students are not permitted to carry cellular telephones visible on their person during the school day.

Students who use a cellular telephone or have it visible shall have it confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. Upon second and subsequent offenses the cellular telephone will be confiscated and additional disciplinary actions will be taken.

DEFINITION

Electronic devices include but is not limited to long and short wave radios, all MP3/USB/Data Storage type radios (including iPods), CD players, remote control devices, cameras, video recorders, laser pointers, portable gaming devices, and toys that do not serve any educational value in school.

ENFORCEMENT

The use of electronic devices is prohibited in school, on school property or in any conveyance providing transportation to or from any school, school event, or function during the hours and days that school is in session. These devices will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. Upon second and subsequent offenses additional disciplinary actions will be taken, including a mandatory parent/guardian conference.

WAIVER

Upon second and subsequent offenses, parents/guardians shall sign the district's agreement report acknowledging the electronic device was returned to them. In consideration of being advised of this policy, the parent/guardian waives and releases any and all claims for damages and theft of the electronic communication device they may have against the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Phillip B. Latinski, Chairperson