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Students, Parents/Guardians:

Students, as we review all of our practices regarding school safety, we need your help with one of them. We need to try to reduce the opportunity for thieves by limiting the number of IPODS, cell phones, and other electronic devices that we have at school. Thieves are looking for the “best” opportunity to steal items that give them the biggest dollar payback, and electronic devices are at the top of that list. So I want to remind you of the board policy regarding electronic devices.

Board Policy 6426.1 clearly states that “No student shall use, display, transmit or have in the “on” position on school property any wireless communication device or personal entertainment device, including but not necessarily limited to, cell phones, pagers, two-way radios, CD/MP3 players, and electronic games, or any laser pointer or similar devices until the conclusion of the instructional day.” Board Policy 6426.4 says that “Any device possessed or used in violation of this policy shall be confiscated and only returned to the student’s parents.”

We have tried giving students a courtesy reminder to “Please put that away” and that has not worked. Effective immediately, we are asking all students to strictly adhere to this policy. If during the school day, a cell phone, IPOD or any other electronic device is VISIBLE then it will be confiscated. Multiple infractions or refusal to relinquish the electronic device will result in short term suspension.

The Raleigh Police Department has asked for your help in supporting them with limiting the opportunity for thieves by not having IPODS, GPS devices and other electronic devices visible in your vehicles. In an ideal world, we would prefer you not bring electronic devices to school at all but if you do, please make sure they are not visible or on during the school day (as per board policy). Additionally, please make sure that you do not leave the electronic devices or any attachments that go with electronic devices that alert thieves to the possibility of an expensive electronic device in your vehicle. LRHS is not responsible for investigating or attempting to find items that are lost or stolen.

Please know that this is an attempt to get your assistance in helping the school and police department to reduce the opportunity for thieves on or around our campus. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Scott Lyons  
Principal