

# Staff Report



May 14, 2024

**To** Board of Education (Public Meeting)

**From** Sean Nosek, Superintendent/CEO

**Re** **Personal Digital Device Restrictions**

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This report is presented to the Board for information.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has amended the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order (the “Order”) to promote provincial consistency and to support boards of education in ensuring their schools have appropriate policies in place to restrict student personal digital device use. The amended Order will come into effect on July 1, 2024.

To align administrative procedures with the requested changes in our codes of conduct from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, district staff have been involved in consultation meetings with various education partners. This includes aligning language around electronic devices that can be used to communicate or access the internet under the term “personal digital devices” and identifying the responsibilities of students, staff and administrators with respect to their use in school environments. The school district recognizes the capacity of current, new and future technologies and their educated use to create opportunities for many constructive and positive applications to aid learning in a school environment. Students can use these technologies to create digital content, to communicate, to collaborate and share, and to access apps and tools that may enrich their thinking and learning. Additionally, some regulated use of personal digital devices in the school and community may contribute to the safety and security of students and staff and ensure effective classroom learning.