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Greetings Sunnyside Families,

This month our student advisory council and PSCC (Parent, School, Community Council) groups reviewed and discussed Sunnyside's cell phone policy. This notification is a reminder of that policy. This policy is also in the student handbook. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (412) 529-2040.

**Cell Phone Policy:**

*Students are **NOT** permitted to have their cell phones out or visible during the school day. Students are encouraged to turn their cell phones in to their homeroom teacher or a trusted adult. The phone will be returned at the end of the day. If a student is caught using a cell phone, it will be confiscated, and a parent must come to the school to retrieve it. It will be held until a parent/guardian is able to pick it up from the school. If the cell phone use violates the code of student conduct, the appropriate action will be taken.*

**Rationale for Policy:** Pittsburgh Sunnyside believes that safety and education are priorities for student success. By offering to collect cell phones, students and teachers can focus on teaching and learning without the distractions of cell phones. Disruptions have been caused by students and parents that take away from the systems within the school that were established to keep ALL safe. Students being able to access social media outlets, communicate with peers and others outside of the school can create distress for students that takes their focus away from instruction. Taking cell phones also reduces sharing premature and inaccurate information to families before hearing from school staff. We also want to prevent unauthorized recording of other students and sharing it on social media. We take cyberbullying seriously. In addition, some students may view things that are not appropriate and will allow other students to view it on their phones that other parents would not approve of their child seeing or knowing. We cannot control what our students are exposed to outside of these walls, but we would like to minimize negative influences while they are with us. Our desire is to provide a safe and supportive environment as best as we can while they are in school. Our school has a supportive staff and that will allow students to use the main office phone when needed.

Para asistencia con este documento en español, por favor llame a la línea nueve al 412-529-6463 y seleccione la opción #1.

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