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To: Jeannine Durkin
From: Marianne Busted, Head of Lowell High School
Date: March 27, 2019
Subject: Cell phone usage at Lowell High School

This email is in response to the following motion made by School Committee member Robert Hoey:

Cell Phones Usage at LHS

[by Robert Hoey]: Request the Superintendent works with Lowell High School administration to develop a report regarding the usage of cell phones at LHS.

The LHS Staff Voice Group was formed this school year to discuss and address issues that impact our staff and our school. The Student Voice Group was also formed this year for a similar purpose. We believe that our students and staff can truly make a difference through their voice in collaboration with other passionate and committed team members.

We have been working with consultants Leslie King and Andi Summers in conjunction with Project Learn. Their role is to objectively guide us in this important work. The diverse Staff Voice Group is comprised of 35 (voluntary) staff members from a cross-section of departments and roles in our school community. After our initial meetings, we agreed to begin our work by focusing on the following three areas:

- 1) Cell phone usage at LHS
- 2) Staff morale
- 3) Consistency between House Offices



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The cell phone usage group at LHS has met and discussed concerns regarding the use of cell phones at Lowell High. They agreed that the first step would be to send out a survey to all staff members to get a better understanding of how our staff felt about student cell phone use. Attached is a copy of the results of the survey, which the committee shared with staff this week. They have also put out a request for additional group members to ensure a good cross section of viewpoints on the committee. Their next step is to review the survey results and begin to build a proposal that will address the concerns raised in the survey. They will continue to keep the larger staff updated and will request feedback as they move to next steps.

Any suggestions for policy changes will be brought to the Superintendent and then School Committee for review and approval.