

PCD Parent Survey Review

A parent survey about managing personal communication devices was shared with parents of elementary and secondary students.

There were 424 unique responses total and 147 unique responses from ***parents of secondary students.***

Survey data clearly shows that parents recognize the necessity for stricter PCD guidelines.

Overwhelmingly, respondents agree that device access leads to distraction and reduced engagement

Overwhelmingly, respondents recognize that PCD use facilitates cyberbullying and negative mental health outcomes

Respondents showed strong consensus that the PCD definition must be expanded to include wearables like smartwatches and earbuds

Teachers

84%

of teachers said PCDs negatively impact student focus and engagement and take away instructional time.

Parents

87%

of Fowlerville parents said student PCD use during the school day has more negative than positive effects.

Research

2000

U.S. schools included in the largest study yet of bell to bell bans. Bans resulted in significant increase in test scores and attendance.

A **convergence** of evidence supports the proposal for a **phone-free** school day.

All Parents

(N=424)

Overwhelming Agreement:

89%

agree PCD use leads to **lack of engagement** and **distraction**.

Overwhelming Agreement:

88%

agree PCD use facilitates **cyberbullying** and **poor mental health outcomes**.

Overwhelming Agreement:

87%

believe student PCD use during the school day has more **negative** than positive effects

Overwhelming Concern:

81%

agree that cell phones are **necessary** to ensure student **safety** during the school day

Significant Concern:

68%

are **not confident** students can contact home quickly and safely if the Yondr program were adopted

Significant Concern:

58%

are **concerned about** reduced ability for families to communicate during the school day.

Key Findings (*secondary parents; n=147*)

Overwhelming Agreement:

84%

agree PCD use leads to **lack of engagement** and **distraction**.

Overwhelming Agreement:

74%

agree PCD use facilitates **cyberbullying** and **poor mental health outcomes**.

Overwhelming Agreement:

74%

believe student PCD use during the school day has more **negative** than positive effects

Key Point of Concern: Safety

71%

say that PCDs are **necessary** to ensure safety during the school day.

69%

Lack confidence that students could contact home quickly and safely under the Yondr program.

Point of Concern:

65%

were concerned about reduced ability for families to **communicate** and capacity of office to support.

Point of Concern:

36%

were concerned about the cost of the Yondr program.

Point of Concern:

50%

opposed the **bell to bell** restriction citing concern about inability to use PCDs during **lunch** or **breaks**.

Point of Concern:

19%

explicitly challenged the district's **authority** over personal property with **high-intensity** language.

Qualitative Themes

01

Overwhelmed Office and Dismissal Problems

02

Medical or Special Needs

03

Double Standard Concern

04

Blanket Punishment

05

Teaches Responsibility

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Anxiety Management

07

Executive Functioning Support

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Instructional Use

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Enforcement Issue Frame

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Communication Failure History

These themes arose from write-in responses with varying degrees of prevalence.