## The School District of Philadelphia

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**We will be ensuring that our school remains a phone-free space** using a system called <u>Yondr</u>. Yondr has already been implemented successfully in 35 schools in The School District of Philadelphia and over 1,000 schools worldwide.

We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student in grades 5-8 will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive to their homeroom. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- 65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance
- 74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior
- 83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly or attend our upcoming Zoom meeting about the adoption of Yondr @ 6pm on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, simply call the school and we will relay the message to them.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.