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Dear Winfield Family,

It's come to my attention that smartwatches are the fashionable new accessory for many of our students. In lieu of changes to policy, those watches are subject to the standards currently held for cell phones. Primarily, they are not to be used by students throughout the school day. (To remind all students and families, **cell phones are not to be used during the school day**. If you need to reach your student or your student needs to reach you, there are phones in the main office to facilitate that communication.)

That said, I am putting the following regulations in place:

- Students are allowed to wear watches.
- If students are wearing smartwatches that they are using beyond the function of a watch (i.e. receiving messages, playing games, listening to music, etc.), they will be required to put their watch into their backpack/locker while in school.

Additionally, purses have made their way into the conversation of new accessories in time for spring. Purses fall under the same umbrella as backpacks and should be held in students' cubbies or lockers during the school day. They are NOT to be carried throughout the building during the school day. If there are personal questions regarding this directive, I encourage the individual student to talk to Ms. Puhak, our school nurse about alternatives. This is directly related to student safety and will not be revisited.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Ross LeBrun