

**GREETINGS PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS,**

**OUR SCORES FROM THE END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS ARE 80% AND WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD AND EXCITED ABOUT! THE DISTRICT HAS TAKEN NOTICE AND WE HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPROVED SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. AS WE CONTINUE TO RISE, EVERY YEAR WE ASSESS HOW WE CAN BE EVEN BETTER. ONE GLARING WAY FOR US TO CONTINUE TO DO AMAZING THINGS IS TO CUT DOWN ON THE BIGGEST EXTERNAL DISTRACTIONS FOR STUDENTS. WHAT IS THAT?**

**YES, THESE PHONES! OF COURSE, THERE IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION WE CAN GAIN FROM THEM. THEY ARE A HUGE SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE SEEN THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OUTWEIGH THE POSITIVES. THESE PHONES HAVE PUT A SPELL ON MANY OF OUR KIDS AND IT HAS PREVENTED THEM FROM BEING THEIR BEST SELVES (FRANKLY, MANY OF US ADULTS ARE CAUGHT IN THE ADDICTION WEB AS WELL). THIS SCHOOL YEAR, WE ARE MOVING TO A NEW PARENT COMMUNICATION PLATFORM CALLED CLASS DOJO. SLATER USES IT NOW AND IT IS VERY USER FRIENDLY AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENT AND TEACHER WILL BE MUCH EASIER.**

**SO, AFTER MUCH RESEARCH AND CONSIDERATION WE HAVE DECIDED TO EXTEND OUR NO CELL PHONE POLICY IN THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR PHONES WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY. WE AS PARENTS WILL HAVE TO ADJUST OUR MINDSET OF COMMUNICATION. IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE TO GIVE YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY IS OVER, YOU WILL NEED TO REACH OUT TO THEIR TEACHERS, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A REQUEST OF, "CAN YOU HAVE MY CHILD CALL ME?"**

**EACH HOMEROOM TEACHER WILL HAVE A SEE-THROUGH LOCKER FOR ALL OF THE CELL PHONES. THEY WILL PUT THEM IN THE LOCKER FIRST THING IN THE MORNING AND RETRIEVE THEM AS THEY LEAVE FOR DISMISSAL. WE EXPECT TO SEE MAJOR POSITIVE CHANGES IN OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIA AND BEHAVIOR. WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS! PLEASE KNOW WE HAVE YOUR CHILD'S BEST INTEREST AT HEART. THIS IS OUR BIGGEST CULTURAL INITIATIVE THIS YEAR AND WE WILL BE STEADFAST IN IT.**

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO PRICE ADMINISTRATORS FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN AMAZING YEAR!**

**THANK YOU,**

**LUTHER J. PRICE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**