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GOVERNOR

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Dear Superintendents,

Thank you for what you do every day to help Oregon students have what they need to succeed. These are challenging and complex times, and your leadership is critical to our state.

I specifically want to thank you for your leadership and for the partnership of your school boards in adopting district personal electronic device policies in compliance with my executive order. I appreciate the commitment your district has shown in putting students first and acting with urgency to support their learning and mental health.

Early indicators from districts across Oregon show that these policies are already making a meaningful difference. Students are reporting stronger feelings of well-being while at school, fewer distractions during the instructional day, and improved opportunities to connect with peers and educators. Your work demonstrates a clear commitment to protecting student mental health and ensuring that classroom time is focused, engaging, and supportive of learning. I am pleased to report that, as of today, 99% of school districts with a combined total of 538,883 students have adopted and implemented a personal electronic device policy.

I also want to share that the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) will continue to support the few small districts in our state that do not yet have an adopted and posted personal electronic device policy. This includes providing ready-to-adopt policy options so they can meet the requirements of Executive Order 25-09 and benefit from the same positive impacts already being seen across the state. And please know that ODE will continue to be partner with all of you if future assistance is needed regarding this topic.

Thank you again for your leadership and collaboration. Your efforts are helping set a strong standard for student-centered learning environments across Oregon.

Sincerely,

Governor Tina Kotek

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