



Board of Education

PRESENTATION

TITLE: Bell to Bell, No Cell Act

DATE: April 28, 2025

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Dr. Tiffany Bone
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Tony Jones
Director of Secondary Education

Dr. Kim Starr
Director of Elementary Education

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

In Arkansas, a new law, the "Bell to Bell, No Cell Act," - Senate Bill 142 - mandates that public schools adopt strict phone-free policies. With the exception for emergencies or medical reasons, starting with the 2025-2026 school year, cell phone use will be banned during the school day.

This year, Kimmons and Ramsey Middle School conducted a pilot using Yonder pouches to secure cell phones during the day. A presentation on the district's plans for addressing the "Bell to Bell, No Cell Act" will be shared as well as the lessons learned from the Kimmons and Ramsey Middle School pilots.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a presentation item only. No action is required.