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TO: Duncanville ISD School Board

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SUBJECT: Purchase of Yondr Cellphone Lock Cases

Executive Summary: Yondr Cell Phone Lock Cases

Duncanville ISD is proposing the purchase of Yondr cell phone lock cases and lock boxes to support compliance with state law and to strengthen instructional focus across middle and high school campuses.

In 2025, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1481, which restricts student cell phone use during the instructional day and requires school districts to establish clear, consistent procedures to limit student access to personal electronic devices during class time. To meet this requirement, Duncanville ISD evaluated solutions that are operationally feasible, equitable for students, and sustainable at scale.

Yondr lock cases provide a student-centered approach that allows students to retain possession of their phones while ensuring devices are inaccessible during instructional hours. This solution reduces classroom disruptions, supports instructional engagement, and creates consistent expectations for students and staff across all secondary campuses.

From a budget perspective, this purchase will not impact the district's general fund. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) established the Cell Phone Grant to assist districts with implementing House Bill 1481. Duncanville ISD was awarded \$92,000 in grant funding, which will fully cover the cost of lock cases, lock boxes, and related materials.

The district will purchase lock cases for all middle and high school students, ensuring equitable districtwide implementation. As part of the purchase, Yondr will also provide professional development for staff to support consistent implementation and long-term sustainability.

This investment allows Duncanville ISD to meet state requirements, improve instructional focus, and implement a districtwide solution using dedicated grant funding rather than local operating dollars, demonstrating responsible fiscal stewardship.