

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Kevin Kranjcec. I am the parent of three boys, including two current Lyon County students, one at Dayton Intermediate School (DIS) and one at Dayton High School (DHS). I also serve as the Principal of Dayton Intermediate School. I have dedicated my entire 23-year career in education to the Dayton community, including 19 years at DIS and 4 years as an Assistant Principal at DHS. As a Dayton resident, I care deeply about our schools and our community.

In speaking with many parents and community members, I have found strong support for the current cell phone policy adopted in December 2024. Families understand the need to minimize classroom distractions and have expressed approval for both the policy and its progressive discipline structure. As a school, we believe the policy is working effectively. When students violate the guidelines, we remove the distraction, the phone, while keeping the student in class, where learning continues. Parents have been supportive of coming in to retrieve phones and have worked collaboratively with us. These same parents do not support the proposed changes to the policy.

I fully support having a consistent, districtwide cell phone policy that prioritizes reducing classroom distractions. However, my concern with the new proposal is the recommendation to suspend students and remove them from the learning environment. I believe the focus should remain on removing the distraction, not the student. Retaining the phone in In-School Suspension (ISS) is far more effective than placing the student there.

Additionally, I believe the intent behind the current policy, which prohibits phones for students in grades K–8 during the school day, while allowing limited access for students in grades 9–12 during unstructured time, was purposeful. High school students are generally older, more mature, and better able to manage responsible use. Many have free periods, jobs, athletics, and other commitments that require occasional access to their phones at appropriate times. As a former high school administrator, I can also attest that enforcing a bell-to-bell restriction at the high school level, particularly on an open campus, is extremely difficult and impractical.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the cell phone policy and respectfully urge the Board to reconsider altering a policy that is still in its early stages and showing positive results.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kranjcec', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Kranjcec
Principal, Dayton Intermediate School