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*Our children,  
our hope,  
our future*

Dear Families,

In an effort to maintain an optimal learning environment and limit distractions, we are implementing protocols regarding the use of smartwatches during the school day. Using a smartwatch distracts learning as students have been receiving texts, playing games, and texting/calling family members. Therefore, we will use the same protocol for smartwatches as mobile phones. Beginning Monday, February 6, 2023, all students will be asked to turn off their smartwatches and keep them safely stored in their backpacks. If students need to call home, they will be permitted to use a school phone. Please call OPS's main office if you need to contact your child during the school day. All health concerns will be reported to the nurses' office, and they will communicate with you if needed.

To assist with the implementation of this new protocol:

- Please review this new protocol with your child to ensure they turn off their smartwatch
- Let your child know that they can turn on their smartwatch or their mobile phone at the end of the school day
- If your child does not feel well, they should go to the nurse who will assess if they can stay in school
- Please refrain from texting your child during the school day

Thank you for your support!

*The OPS Administrative Team*