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Dear Newton County School System Parent/Guardian:

In accordance with the Georgia Department of Education's guidelines regarding cell phone/electronic devices in designated testing locations, students of the Newton County School System are not permitted to use, or bring into the testing environment, any electronic device that could allow them to access, retain, or transmit information. Improper use of such electronic devices during testing will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Newton County School System's student code of conduct and test invalidation.

As stated in the Newton County School System's code of conduct, all cell phones/electronic devices are to be in the "off" position unless explicitly allowed by the teacher for instructional purposes. During the administration of standardized assessments, all cell phones/electronic devices must be in the "off" position and stored by the teacher, if brought into a designated testing location. Cell phones/electronic devices will be returned to the student after all testing materials have been collected.

The Newton County School System will remain committed to promoting the use of technology during instruction. However, during state mandated assessment windows, students will be expected to follow the guidelines as indicated, should they bring their cell phones into the designated testing locations within the school. It is the preference of the Newton County School System that students leave their cell phones/electronic devices at home on the days standardized tests are administered. The Newton County School System is not liable or responsible for any personally-owned electronic device brought onto any school system property.

Sincerely,

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