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Subject: School District Cell Phone Policy Survey Data from COSA and OSBA

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Good afternoon, Sen. Reynolds and Rep. Dobson,

I have been working with my colleague Adreienne Anderson at OSBA to gather some information about current district cell phone policies. COSA put out a survey last week and 119 school districts and ESDs responded. Unfortunately, regarding the question related to what the current district cell phone policy for students is, the option to check multiple answers was somehow left on, so 31 of the 119 respondents checked multiple boxes. I can reach out to these districts and follow up, but a quick review of the data shows that these districts generally ban cell phones during class time and/or allow classroom teachers to determine use of cell phones.

Here are the responses of the 119 districts and ESDs, again noting that 31 respondents checked multiple boxes.

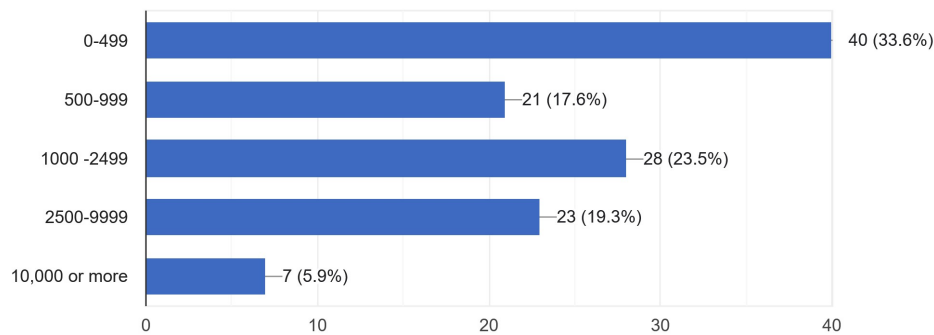
Responses of 119 School Districts and ESDs regarding the current district cell phone policy for students:

- Bell to Bell prohibition for cell phones, no exceptions
 - 12 districts (10.1% of respondents checked this box)
- Bell to Bell prohibition for cell phones, with exceptions for students with disabilities or health issues
 - 25 districts (21% of respondents checked this box)
- Cell phones are prohibited during class time, but students are allowed to access other times.
 - 70 districts (58.8% of respondents checked this box)
- Classroom teachers or educators decide when to allow students access to cell phones
 - 22 districts (18.5% of respondents checked this box)
- Our district does not have a policy on the use of cell phones during the day
 - 9 districts (7.6% of respondents checked this box)
- We have a policy, the details of which are different than the listed options
 - 12 districts (10.1% of respondents checked this box)
- Our district is the process of developing or updating a cell phone policy for students
 - 9 districts (7.6% of respondents checked this box)

Here is a summary of the size of districts responding to the survey. We want to note that the majority of districts in Oregon are between 2 and 1,650 students; only about a dozen school districts have more than 10,000 students. Hence why the majority of responses are from smaller districts.

Please identify the number of students in your district:

119 responses



We imagine you have questions as we dig into this data. Please let us know if you would like to set up a time to follow-up and discuss further.

Best regards,

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