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I would like to urge the passing of HB 2251A, cell phone free schools. I have read accounts of schools who chose to remove cell phones from students during the school day and the positive impacts were very good. In fact, I don't recall any negative impacts at all. Kids focused better, were happier, interacted more, and I believe there were less fights as well.

I think we can all agree that cell phones are a distraction to us on a daily basis. Do you have a new text? Is there some other new notification? When people are bored they pull out their phone and scroll through social media posts. Just knowing it's there and anticipating the next notification makes it harder to focus on the job in front of you. For students, their job is school and getting an education. Would you want your employees to be on their phones all day long? Would they be doing their best work?

Again, I urge you to vote for this bill. It's important to our children.