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My husband and I are parents of 3 children and current or future students in the BLP school district. We feel passionate about the importance of keeping phones out of schools. We are doing our best as parents to create a life for our children that does not depend on staring at a smart phone (or ipad...watch...) screen to fill every moment of boredom or agitation.

Our society is adopting the use of smart phones at a rate that all of our nervous systems and emotional capacities are unable to cope with – both kids and grown-ups alike. If grown-ups are affected what are we doing to growing and developing brains of our children?

We feel that this is an effort that needs all hands on deck, and with your help we can take a big step in creating space for kids to be kids by removing smart phones from schools. We hope that you will support our little one to have the opportunity to experience a childhood filled with play and imagination similar to what we all got to experience rather than one filled with staring at a screen --like our childhoods!. I can't imagine having a phone or device, as a child, in the way they are used today.

Thank you for your time!

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