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Pennsylvania Schools Will Be Cellphone-Free

By By Senator Rosemary Brown

STROUDSBURG - Pennsylvania teachers will no longer have to compete with smartphones for their students' attention – and kids will be able to get through the school day without the constant pressure of social media and notifications – with bipartisan passage of a new law requiring schools to adopt policies prohibiting student cellphone use during the school day.

Act 117 of 2026 includes limited exceptions, such as students with individualized education plans and special occasions such as field days. It establishes a clear statewide standard, while allowing school districts, which have direct contact with parents, to decide what works best for their communities.



The law will take effect with the 2027-28 school year. Pennsylvania joins 40 states in restricting these devices – 19 of which have school-day bans. Read more about the effect of cellphones in schools https://senatorrobinson.com/cellphones_in_school/

There has been a steep decline in mental health in children since the early 2010s. Kids are more depressed, anxious, and lonely than ever before. Their academic performance is suffering. There are more instances of cyberbullying and other behavioral issues during school hours. Teachers, parents, and students are exhausted physically, emotionally, and mentally.

This decline in our children's mental health, social skills, and academic performance directly correlates to the rise of smartphones and social media apps. Many parents and teachers alike see the devastating impact these devices are having on our children and are asking for help. About two thirds of Americans say all-day cellphone bans during school hours would improve students' social skills, grades, and behavior in class.

Our students deserve the opportunity to learn without a constant distraction in their pockets, and our bipartisan legislation will give them that opportunity.

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Slaters' Take Down The Green Knights In Their 107th Rival Game 34-7

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - Bangor Slaters cut Pen Argyl's lead in the all-time series to 53–50–4, winning five of the last six matchups. Bangors Lucas Hurd Returned from a two-game injury absence to rush for 95 yards and 3 touchdowns on 19 carries, earning Bangor MVP honors for the game, Eziah Cartagena added 70 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns on 10 carries and Lincoln Rehrig completed 6 of 13 passes for 87 yards.

For Pen Argyl Keegan Hettel led the Green Knights by going 13-for-26 passing for 92 yards, a touchdown, and two interceptions, plus 52 rushing yards. Alex Harper recovered a fumble and was named Pen Argyl's game MVP.

Bangor improved to 4-6 overall (securing a District 11 Class 4A playoff berth), while Pen Argyl finished at 2-8.

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