

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
Niagara Falls, New York

Regular Board meeting

July 31, 2025

RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY 7631 USE OF INTERNET ENABLED DEVICES DURING
THE SCHOOL DAY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of the agreement on the fiscal year 2026 New York State Budget, New York State Education Law Section 2803 was amended to require all local school districts to implement a distraction free school policy. The required policy has been drafted in accordance with the law and local board preference, and is attached hereto as Policy 7631- Use of internet enabled devices during the school day. In accordance with the law, the attached policy restricts the use of internet enabled devices on school grounds during the school day.

Part of the District's policy adoption process includes a thirty (30) day tabling of policy resolutions. At this time, a request is being sought to waive the thirty (30) day tabling to allow for timely compliance with the requirements of New York State Education Law Section 2803.

This action item was prepared by Mr. Mark Laurie, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Maria A. Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources. The proposed resolution was reviewed by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mr. Mark Laurie, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Maria A. Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources will answer questions pertaining to this action item.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Resolution Adopting Policy 7631- Use of internet enabled devices during the school day.

WHEREAS, As part of the agreement on the fiscal year 2026 New York State Budget, New York State Education Law Section 2803 was amended to require all local school districts to implement a distraction free school policy; and

WHEREAS, The following policy has been revised in accordance with the law and local Board preference:

7316 Use Of Internet Enabled Devices During The School Day

WHEREAS: In accordance with the law, the attached policy restricts the use of internet enabled devices on school grounds during the school day; and

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed and endorsed the recommended policy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby waives the thirty (30) day requirement for tabling of policies and approves and adopts Policy 7316 – Use of Internet Enabled Devices During the School Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent is hereby directed to take steps to implement the policy as adopted.