

January 31, 2025

Dear Carson Graham Community,

## Re: Personal Digital Devices Community Check-In: Past, Present, and Future

On **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 7 to 8 p.m.,** the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) will host a virtual **Personal Digital Devices (PDD) Community Check-In** to reflect on the use of PDD in schools, examine the current landscape, and discuss future plans.

As communicated earlier this week by Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, the NVSD introduced guidelines for limiting PDD use across all school sites. These guidelines, now integrated in Carson Graham's code of conduct, align with the Province's <u>three key actions</u> to enhance student safety and well-being in relation to digital technology. While the Carson Graham community continues to embrace technology as a tool to support learning, we are equally committed to fostering a focused and safe learning environment for all students.

"Devices off, learning on" has been our slogan, and students' contributions to creating a focused, engaged, and distraction-free learning environment have been instrumental in the success of this transition. Thank you to staff and families for their role in modeling, supporting, and educating students on the principles of responsible digital citizenship. Since the implementation of PDD limitations, students and families have shared overall positive feedback, while voicing suggestions for continued improvement as the school district evaluates and assesses what changes may be needed in September 2025.

The event, **Personal Digital Devices (PDD) Community Check-In: Past, Present, and Future,** will feature a panel of NVSD community members, including students, principals, and school district staff, who will share insights, lessons learned, and next steps regarding PDD use in schools.

We warmly invite you to register for this virtual event via the <u>Personal Digital Devices (PDD) Community</u> <u>Check-In registration page</u>. The registration page also allows you to submit a question for the panel in advance. A meeting link will be emailed the day prior.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support as we continue to work together in support of all NVSD students.

Warm regards,

Kim Jonat Principal

