



Husted/CORAS Roundtable Recap

Good Morning CORAS Members!

I wanted to circulate a giant thank you to anyone who was able to attend yesterday's Youth Mental Health Summit on Social Media and Cyberbullying. As this group knows, Lt. Governor Husted

Key Takeaways from the Roundtable Include the Following:

- Lt. Gov Husted and Director Dackin shared the Governor is interested in issuing an Executive Order asking districts to utilize *some sort* of cell phone restrictions in schools. Husted stated
- Husted and Dackin reiterated any Administrative or Legislative action on cell phone use in schools *would not mandate a universal ban*. They acknowledge technology as tools in moderation
- DEW stated they are working on a PR package for school districts that would accompany an Executive Order, with sample language for school board members, staff, parents, and the *resources from the state would be in enforcing and implementing such restrictions*.
- CORAS members who have more restrictive cell phone policies shared they have seen decreased bullying and cell phone related incidents, as well as increased peer as well as student
- CORAS districts shared the hardest aspect to cell phone restrictions is teacher enforcement, as rules can vary classroom to classroom. An Executive Order and state resource package

Yesterday, Senator Brenner also added a mirror amendment to the Executive Order discussed at the roundtable into HB250, which in summary would: *require schools and districts to adopt policies*

Senate Education Committee also added an amendment to HB250 that would fix the appropriate section of ORC so you all aren't penalized for using the grade band flexibilities per

With gratitude,

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