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Dear Frank R. Conwell Middle School Families,

This letter is to inform you of a change regarding student headphone use at school, effective Monday, February 3, 2025.

In our ongoing effort to foster a focused learning environment and minimize distractions, students will no longer be permitted to bring headphones to school. This decision aligns with similar practices used in our Yondr program and is designed to help students maximize their learning potential by reducing distractions.

We understand that some students may use headphones for various reasons. However, we believe that eliminating personal headphones in the classroom will create a more conducive atmosphere for learning and engagement.

Students will receive further communication reminding them of this new policy and encouraging them to leave their headphones at home. Any school programs requiring the use of headphones will be provided with school-owned devices by their teachers.

Please see the outline of Yondr and headphone process below:

All students are expected to bring their assigned Yondr Pouch and secure all devices in their pouch daily.

- Related to Yondr
  - Personal devices such as iPads, tablets, gaming devices, **headphones** must leave these devices home. Students may bring earbuds that can fit securely in their Yondr pouch.
    - Parents will be required to pick up these devices from the school personnel
  - Students caught using their devices without proper authorization will receive consequences outlined in the District's Student Code of Conduct.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring a successful learning experience for all our students.

Sincerely,

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