Email Activity

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(Email from a teacher to an audience of students describing why they are not allowed to use cell

phones in class)

Good Evening Everyone,

I would just like to send out a reminder that it is against classroom policy to use a cell phone

during lecture. While it certainly can be a useful tool, it can also be a distraction to you and your

peers which disrupts the learning environment in the classroom. You should stay focused during

lecture and participate in discussion as this will not only help your comprehension of the subject,

but also help your grade.

Thank you and have a great semester,

Professor Patterson

(Email from an administration to the teacher describing why teachers (who may be reluctant) must allow cell phone use in class)

Dear Professor Patterson,

It has come to my attention that you would be disallowing the use of cell phones during class. While I understand your concern that cell phone use may stifle learning, it can also be a great learning opportunity. We live in an age where technology now plays an important role in nearly every facet of society. We should embrace it and integrate its use into our curriculums.

If you are uncomfortable trying to use technology in the classroom, we have set up several workshops to give new ideas on lessons encompassing cell phone usage. For example, I have heard some professors have used cell phones to poll the students which is one easy way to involve the entire classroom. The school has also invested in several learning applications that are available if you are interested.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or email our technology learning department.

Thank you,

Mr. Breault