Names:

“No Cell Phones Allowed in the School Building”

The No Name School District has proposed that because of the disruptions that cell phones cause in the school learning community, cell phones will be banned in all school buildings in the district. Any person discovered using a cell phone will have their phone confiscated and turned into the school principal. To recover a student phone, parents will have to come to the principal’s office and request the return of the phone. The principal will then discuss the importance of student’s obeying the board policy of no cell phones in school buildings.

At all entrances to the school building the following sign is posted:

NO CELL PHONES

ALLOWED

IN THIS BUILDING

A good law is:

* Worthwhile purpose
* Fair
* Clear
* Possible to follow
* Enforceable
* Consistent with constitutionally guaranteed individual rights
* Flexible

**DIRECTIONS: Evaluate the above law banning student cell phones in school buildings from the perspective of your two figures. Would they believe that this proposed law is a good law?**

C) Sally Vassar, a 10th grade student, is a diabetic. She needs her cell phone in case she runs out of insulin or is feeling ill and needs to contact her mother.

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| 2. What do they think of cell phones? How do they normally use them? |  |
| 3. How would the proposed cell phone policy affect them? |  |
| 4. Do you think they would support or oppose the cell phone policy? Why? |  |
| 5. What changes, if any, might they want to make to this policy? |  |
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D) The school principal, Ms. Cannery, frequently travels between the board office and her building for meetings. Often when she is in the building, she finds it easier to use her cell phone for communications rather than to wait for an open line on the school phone system.

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