



# Ringwood Public Schools

Home of the Red Devils

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## HB 3958 INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Parents/Guardians:

You may or may not be aware of the passage of HB 3958 this past legislative session. This legislation is intended to provide parental oversight when there are digital communications between students and teachers/staff.

### THE LAW STATES:

School personnel engaging in electronic or digital communication with an individual student shall include the student's parent or guardian in an electronic or digital communication unless such communication is on school-approved platform and related to school and academic communication.

### SCHOOL POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- School approved platform includes: Remind 101 and teacher/student school email
- Teachers may not list current students as "friends" on network sites
- All e-contacts with students should be through the district's school-approved platform
- School administration will periodically conduct internet searches to monitor communications

*"Electronic or digital communication" includes, but is not limited to emails, text messages, instant messages, direct messages, social media messages, messages sent through software applications, and any other electronic or digital means of communication.*

## EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Excellence in Education,

Wade Detrick  
Superintendent, Ringwood Schools