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## Memo

**To:**  
Board of Education  
Communication Committee

**CC:**  
Branford Board of Education

**From:**  
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Superintendent of Schools

**Re:**  
*The Anxious Generation*

During the September meeting of the Board of Education Communication Committee, we began a discussion regarding the role cell phones, technology and social media play in the lives of students and the potential impact on their education. Due to time constraints, the conversation focused on a brief summary of the text, *The Anxious Generation*, as well as BOE requests for additional information to inform future discussion.

The questions below address many of the questions that were asked during the meeting and additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

**Q1:** Can we get information regarding policy and student handbook information?

**A1:** This information can be found in the BOE Resource Folder.

**Q2:** What is the cost of the Yondr Pouches for phone storage during the school day?

**A2:** Yondr pouches cost \$25 - \$30 per student. Additional information about Yondr can be found [here](#)

**Q3:** Are we following the practices articulated in the student handbooks?

**A3:** Yes, student handbooks accurately reflect practice in schools.

Several additional questions were addressed through a faculty and student survey distributed at BHS. Faculty responses represent 81 participants and student responses represent 302 responses.

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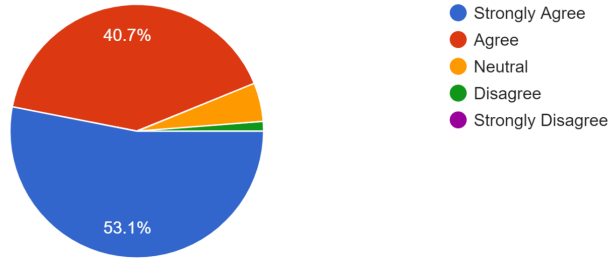
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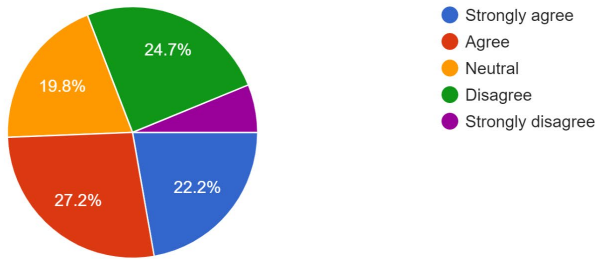
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81 responses



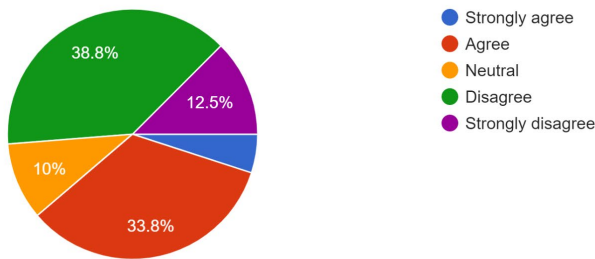
I spend a great deal of time enforcing the school cell phone policy during the year.

81 responses



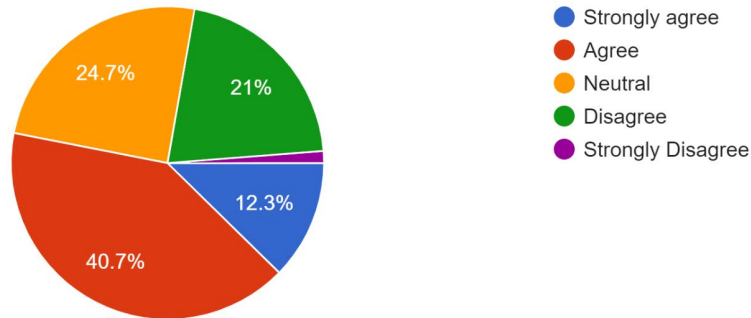
It is a problem getting students to put their phones away when class begins.

80 responses



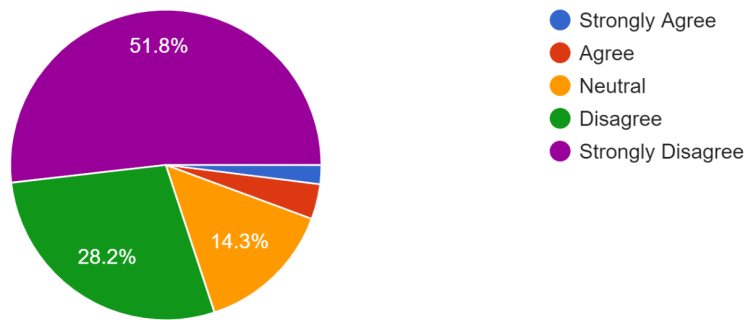
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81 responses

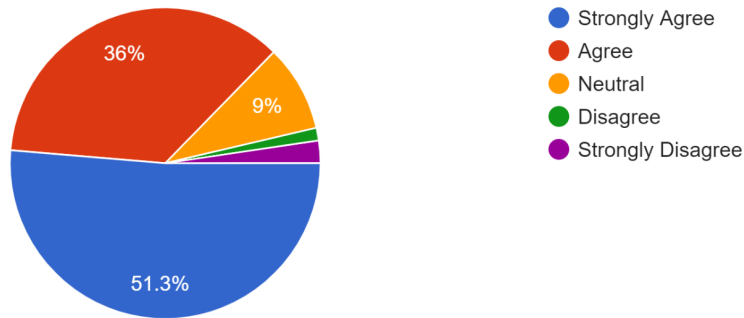


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301 responses



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Cell phones are currently a distraction to student learning in class.  
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