



Westborough's Phone-Free Schools Initiative

Community Information Meeting

Join us for an overview of the "bell-to-bell" phone-free initiative we are preparing to launch at **Gibbons and WHS in the fall of 2026**. Building on the momentum of **Westborough Unplugs**, we aim to recover focus, connection, and joy in our classrooms by addressing the impact of personal devices on student learning and mental health.

When

June 11, 2026

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where

Mill Pond School
Westborough, MA

Who

WPS parents, students, and community members

What Will Be Discussed

→ The "Why"

How this initiative addresses the impact of personal devices on school climate, student learning and mental health.

→ The Research

The **Kids and Smart Phones Working Group's** year of study, including site visits to schools like Northbridge High School and community stakeholder survey results.

→ The Plan

The "bell-to-bell" policy requires personal electronic devices to be turned off and securely stored for the **entire school day**, including passing periods and lunch.

→ Assessing Impact

Measuring success through changes in student engagement, academic focus, and school climate.

Meet the Panel

Allison Borchers

Superintendent

Brian Callaghan

WHS Principal

Jack Foley

Gibbons Middle School
Principal

Detective Chip Dapolite

School Resource Officer

Roger Anderson

Director of Wellness

Kim Tynan

Clinical Director

 A dedicated **Q&A session** will give audience members the opportunity to ask questions directly to the panel.

 **Can't make it?** This event will be **recorded for viewing on Westborough TV**. Additional information sessions are scheduled for **July and August** for those unable to attend in June.