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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

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The staff of Mt. Nebo Junior High School are proud to announce a renewed commitment to ensuring that class time is used effectively and efficiently. In that spirit, we have adopted a new set of procedures that will begin the second term of school. We are calling these procedures: Operation START on Time!—the acronym stands for “Safe Transitions And Reduced Tardies.” This change is a result in part due to feedback from a recent student focus group. In that group, students expressed the need for a change in our current class transition policy that would enable them to get to class in a timely manner without needing to “push through crowds in the hallways.” We also feel that this change will make our school safer, due to increased hallway supervision, and allow us to maximize academic time in the classroom by minimizing distractions tardies cause teachers and fellow students.

Beginning Monday, October 28th all teachers will help supervise the halls during the time between classes. When the bell rings, teachers having classes will close their doors and begin teaching. Each hallway will have designated staff members dealing with any students who are late (in the halls, restrooms, commons). Tardy students will be escorted to our SUCCESS center to write an explanation of why they were late. Staff will use this written explanation to keep records of the tardy incident. Moreover, this explanation will be relayed in a phone call to the parents/guardians so that families are kept informed. After completing the written task, the tardy student will be sent to his/her classroom with a copy of the tardy ticket. For students who are late, these procedures ensure that: 1) the family is kept informed and, 2) that records are kept to ensure that chronically tardy students receive additional help to change their tardy behavior/habits into more responsible habits that will help them in future schooling and jobs.

The consequences for repeated tardiness within a term are as follows:

1st - 5th Tardy - Warning (Free Tardy Removal may be used on Passport). If no Passport, students will receive detention and a call home will be made.

6th - 9th Tardy - Ticket, detention and call home

10th+ Tardy - Ticket, detention, call home and student/parent/admin mtg

For students who are consistently on time, these procedures ensure that tardy students will not be allowed to disrupt the flow of the teachers' lessons and this policy will help in traffic flow. The staff of Mt. Nebo Junior High School is confident that these procedures will 1) increase learning time for all students, 2) contribute to the positive atmosphere of our school, and 3) keep us aligned with our mission to help ALL students obtain High Levels of Learning.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Please call or email if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mt. Nebo Administration