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TO: All MUNFA Members

FROM: The MUNFA Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: Use of Recording Devices in Classrooms

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