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Subject: 10 digit dialing

I would like to voice my displeasure at the change to the newly required 10-digit dialing. I am the principal of an elementary school in Weber district and the change to adding an area code to each phone call will be a great problem to us and to our students. Having two different area codes in our school area will necessitate us having to look up each phone number when we call parents.

It seems that dividing the state geographically is simpler for the average telephone user (especially children). It gives us a clearer idea of "where" we are calling as well as "who," and also helps us to be more aware of toll calls. I would even rather my own phone number and area be assigned the new area code rather than have to keep straight who has what area code in my calling area. My retired parents and in-laws are extremely confused and will be greatly disadvantaged as they try to adapt to this new and cumbersome dialing process.

Thank you for taking input. I hope that this will be reconsidered, and hopefully changed before it is too late.

Sincerely,
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